

Welcome to all the new families of Room Ten, and welcome back to those families from last year.

For those we haven't met yet,



I am Jan Flannery. I have two children of my own - both who attended MPS. Both my daughter and son are now working. I will usually be in class Monday – Wednesday.



I am Rosemary Hallett. This year I am in Room Ten on Thursdays and Fridays.

We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Please feel free to make contact if there is anything you wish to discuss - we do have our **Whanau Hui in week 3** which is a time to set goals as a group - family, student and teacher. We look forward to meeting you at these, so please do book a time. We can also be contacted at the above emails.

A bit of what is happening this term...



Reading/literacy – students' home reading is own choice. They are expected to read at least 15 minutes a night and write it in their homework book/reading log, with a comment about what they read. The students are at an age/stage to know what their interests are in reading. They are also at an age where we want them to stay interested in reading, so the texts they read need to suit their interests. Their reading can be books on the Reading Eggs programme. www.readingeggs.co.nz or books from home, school or the town library. In class we will be working on comprehension activities to help students learn to use and understand what they read more.

This term for writing we will be learning the routines of planning, writing and editing our work. We will also be learning about punctuation and using more descriptive words. Please support your child by encouraging them to read and write as often as possible.



Mathematics – we are beginning the term with number and shape activities. The children will be working on extending their number knowledge alongside their numeracy strategies. The children get a range of learning experiences in numeracy, and work in whole class and group situations with a lot of different and exciting equipment. We will also be working on problem solving using word problems. Ideas on how to support your child with their number knowledge will be included in their homework books as needed. Please support your child to regularly revise their number knowledge. A website which supports your child's mathematics learning is www.nzmaths.co.nz – have a look at the family page.



PE – For PE we will be swimming for as long as the weather permits. Please ensure your child's uniform is named – We cannot return items of uniform to the correct child if they are not named. Please also send your child with their togs every day even if it seems a little colder in the mornings. Our swimming time is after morning tea so it has often warmed up by then.

MPS & Class Expectations...

Room 10 are learning the MPS expectations.

We will be

Motivated to Learn

We will show

Positive Behaviour

We will have

Successful Relationships

Positive Consequences:

(Making the choice to follow the expectations)

- ~ Praise
- ~ MPS rewards
- ~ House points
- ~ Treasure box
- ~ Certificates
- ~ Reward time
- ~ Visit to the Principal



Negative Consequences:

(Making the choice not to follow the expectations)

- ~ Name on board
 - = 5 minutes loss of play/free/reward time
- ~ Name X (a cross beside name)
 - = sent to another room for 15 minutes time out (a letter will be sent home)
- Consistent or serious rule breaking:*
 - ~ Can result in removal from the class (for a longer period of time)
 - ~ Miss Flannery/Mrs Hallett meets with caregiver
 - ~ Principal involvement

Homework...

Please encourage your child to pack their bookbag back into their school bag after they have finished their work each day to ensure they remember it!

Homework expectations:

- Reading for at least 15 minutes a night (to be recorded in their reading log, in their homework book). Sometimes they will have reading from class for this or they can read own choice.
- Their poetry book to share over the weekend.
- Possible letter/word or number activities or topic related questions in their homework book. The intention is for it to be fun and to help reinforce any learning that is taking place within the class.

Your child should have their homework book in their book bags every day. Please sign the reading log daily to let us know reading has been done.

Coming Dates...

Week 2:

Waitangi Day – Wednesday 6th Feb No School

Week 3:

Whanau Hui – Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th February. Please make an appointment to come and meet us.

At this stage - **Room 10s Assembly** is on Friday 15th February, in the hall at 12pm.

Week 6:

Whanau Picnic (whole school) and Tent City (yr5/6) – Thursday 7th March.

Week 9:

Learning conferences – Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March.

Week 11:

Last day of term – Friday 12th April.

Health and Safety...



Sunhats – children need to have their wide brimmed sunhats on, every day during term one and four. If they do not have their sunhat, they will be sitting under the shade sails rather than being able to run around.

Nits – please check regularly as these little critters are always around. Combing hair twice a day and using conditioner can help!

Road crossing – please remind your child that the safest place to cross the road is at the crossing!