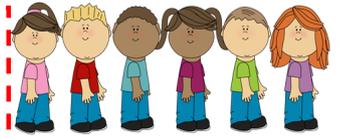




Room 1 & 2 Newsletter, Term One, 2019



Welcome all, it is so nice to see some familiar faces and so exciting to meet our new tamariki and their Whanau. It's going to be a great year full of new learning adventures. As always, if you have any questions please ask. Our New entrant Rooms will be working closely together this term and joining in with the whole Junior Syndicate for "Discovery Learning" each Thursday.



Teaching Days for Term 1: **ROOM 1**

Bridget Rankin: Monday– Thursday
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Ronny Tankersley: Friday and covering teacher release days for Bridget

ROOM 2

Tash McQueen: Monday—Friday.

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Steph Hoi every second Friday & Release Days

We will be running a Playbased Environment and working collaboratively to plan, teach and assess. Some **food for thought:**

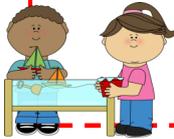
***Play** is an essential part of a child's social, Emotional, physical and cognitive development.

***Play** is a vital part of every child's development.

***Play** allows children to test ideas, work through uncertainties, explore social interactions and make sense of the world around them.

***Play** has no predetermined outcome or time limit, it's not about an end product but about a process. It's the exploration of ideas that is crucial.

***Play** is children's work.



Busy Bees

This term our focus is "All About Me" as we learn all about ourselves and each other. We will learn social skills, and explore our environment and what makes everyone unique and special. We will establish rules and routines and introduce and implement our "MPS" expectations:

***MOTIVATED TO LEARN**

***POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**

***SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIPS**

Please send along a family photo/s so we can add to our whanau wall. It is great to make connections between home and school.

Literacy & Numeracy: These 2 areas will be integrated through our "learning through play" focus. We will have a variety of options and opportunities for the children to engage in.

Literacy, our main focus, as always, will be for the children to learn and utilise their alphabet, phonics and basic sight word knowledge. This is essential for both Reading, Writing, and Oral Language

Numeracy: our main focus is on number knowledge with other strands of the curriculum integrated, e.g. measurement, geometry, statistics.



Independence

This is a vast area that covers everything from self-management skills to social skills in the play ground. Your help in the area of independence is appreciated immensely by us. Think about how you can give your child responsibility and independence. You can help by encouraging your child to:

- *pack/unpack their own bag
- *help with jobs at home
- *get dressed/undressed by selves
- *put on/off shoes by selves

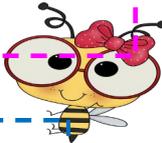
Important Dates:
Whanau Hui - Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th February
Learning Conferences- Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th March
Wings Over Wairarapa-Friday 22nd February more info to follow
Whanau Picnic-Thursday 7th March
Last Day of Term—Friday 12th April

We encourage.....

- *Manners
- *Individuality
- *Communication
- *Self Managing
- *Creativity
- *Healthy Lunchboxes
- *Kindness
- *Risk taking
- *Being Inquisitive



NITS are a fact of life, Unfortunately. Please check your child's hair regularly &



SUNHATS!!! This time of year it is very important that our children wear a hat when playing outside. Please send a **named** hat to class & remember to apply sunblock in the morning.

TOGS & TOWEL: Please send along everyday regardless of the weather as we all know how unpredictable it can be!

Home Reading

We **encourage** reading every night but we also take into consideration the "**readiness**" of each individual therefore our approach is varied for each child. Your child may have a reading book that they have read that day in class, one they have over two nights or one they have self selected. **This will be recorded in their notebook. Please sign or comment on their reading and return each day.** If you have any queries, please come in and see us, as we are more than happy to clarify. We realise at times our little people are exhausted by the end of the school day and households are busy places so try different approaches.....

let them read, read to your child, let them read to an older or younger sibling, set up a Skype meeting/ Facetime call with a family member but most of all encourage and make it an enjoyable experience for all.

WATER BOTTLES : Please send everyday.

Lost Property: Please ensure all uniform and belongings are named.

End of the school day: It would be extremely helpful to us if you could wait outside the classroom until your child is released as it becomes very distracting during pack up time, it is important for our tamariki to manage themselves during this time, gathering their belongings and packing their bags independently. We are more than happy to chat after the bell has gone.



TREASURES.....

We are always busy creating and making things in our classroom. If you have any creative resources or anything suitable for our Playbased Learning they would be well received by the children and much appreciated by us. Also if you have a passion or talent you are keen to share with our tamariki please let us know.

Please check out our School Website to see what the latest happenings are. We are currently looking into using an online communication tool so watch this space for more information. We look forward to the year ahead!

Kind Regards
Bridget Rankin & Tash McQueen