

# Syndicate Newsletter

**Welcome** back to all students, parents and caregivers. We have a lot of fun things planned for this term. Keep a look out for upcoming events in the weekly newsletter.

**School Bell Times:** It is essential that your child is at school and ready to start before the 8.45am bell.

Some Year 6 students have responsibilities e.g. Road Patrol, Milk Monitor etc that require them to be at school by 8.15am. Please ensure they are organized and on time.

Here is a list of bell times.

8.45am School starts/Class time

10.45am End of Morning Tea/Class time

1.10pm End of Lunch/Class time

*Please remember that school finishes at 2.30pm.*

**Extra curricular activities:** Winter sports are starting so please keep an eye out for your child's team information. MPS Expectations apply at all times when in school/sports uniform.

**Stationery:** Please make sure your child has all the stationery they need. Teachers will be sending notes home as needed for those students who are in need of more stationery items.

**Sickness:** If your child is unwell, please keep them home until they are no longer contagious. If your child has had vomiting/diarrhoea, please keep them home at least 24hours after symptoms have stopped. Students need to be getting adequate sleep so they can focus at school. Please help your child's learning by making sure they are organised and ready for school each day.

**Nits:** These are a common problem and will continue unless treated regularly. We have a health nurse who is available to support your family if needed. Please contact the school office if you would like this help.

**Wheels day:** Students are still invited to bring their scooters, bikes and skateboards/roller blades to school to ride at lunch time of Friday's. Please name your child's wheels where possible. Helmets are essential for bike riders and roller bladers.

**Uniforms:** The weather is getting cooler and its important that your child is dressed warmly for school. Please remember that school jerseys should be worn if the weather is cold. A jacket can be worn over a school jersey, not as a school jersey substitute.

Your child's uniform should be clearly named in a durable manner. This can ensure a return of lost property.

## **Important Dates:**

Please write these on your calendars

**Monday 20th May**—National Young Leaders Day (Trust Badge holders)

**Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th May**—St. John First Aid Lessons for students

**Thursday 30th May**—MPS Cross Country

**Friday 31st May**—Cross Country back up day.

**Monday 3rd June**—Queen's Birthday (No school)

**Thursday 6th June**—Jump Jam Competition (PM)

**Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th June**—Parent/Teacher Learning Conferences

**Friday 28th June**—Matariki Whanau day organised by senior team

**Thursday 4th June**—Disco organised and run by families of Year 6 students going to camp.

Please sign and return this form so we know you have received this important information.

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Caregiver Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are all your contact details up to date? Yes / No (Please circle)

Please contact the office if you need to update your contact and emergency details.



## What's happening in Room 13 this term?

**Reading:** This term we are continuing with Chapter Chat with the book 'Fish in a Tree,' a story about a girl with Dyslexia. There are many relatable feelings within the book for the students, and I look forward to the work they produce and any personal growth that may come from hearing such a story.

Also, as a reminder, students should be reading their own chapter book (or other reading material) each day. Students choose their chapter books on a Monday afternoon and these need to be returned two weeks later. Students can reissue books if they are not finished reading their book. Students continue to have access to Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress to support their learning in reading and spelling. They should all know their login details for this, so please let me know if you would like a copy of this also.

**Topic:** Our class is currently using the inquiry process to find out about jungles, native forests and rain forests. They are also creating their own art piece to show what plant life, animal life, insects and bugs and human life lives in their type of forest.

**Numeracy:** Students should be practicing their basic facts regularly and working to commit these to memory. When we talk about basic facts, we are talking about all number combinations to 20 e.g. doubles and halves, odd and evens, addition, subtraction, numbers that makes 10 (8+2, 6+4, 1+9 etc). It is also really important that students are learning their times tables to 10x10. Start with 2's, 5's and 10's first as these are common number patterns that we use when skip counting (2, 4, 6, 8... etc).

We also have access to Maths Buddy which has a range of games, activities and lessons for students to login and complete.

**Responsibilities:** There are a number of students who have already taken up the opportunity to join extra-curricular activities or groups. We highly recommend students being involved in sports or cultural groups if possible. This term Room 13 is responsible for collecting the schools waste paper (Paper Bins duty) and Reading with the kindergarten children on Fridays.

**Sharing:** Class Dojo information has been sent out and our class would love it if families could connect to it so we can share our learning each week. Its an easy way to see what we do and you can add positive comments for us to read. Any questions, please email or come & see me.

**Home and School Notebooks:** These come home every Monday and sometimes on other days. PLEASE make sure these are returned so you are kept up to date with what is happening in our classroom and school. We have a busy couple of terms and I don't want anyone missing out on important information.

*If you have any questions or need to contact me directly about your child, please email at [purcells@masterton.school.nz](mailto:purcells@masterton.school.nz) or phone the school office 06 377 5297*