

Haere mai ki te whanau whitu  
Welcome to Room 7



**Nau mai haere mai  
Welcome back to Term 2.**

This term we will be building on our basic literacy and numeracy skills started in Term 1.

**What will we be doing this term?**

**English-** Reading, writing, handwriting, spelling and oral language.

- Please note that reading books will be sent home regularly with student notebooks.
- Ideally everyone should have a book bag to protect the books.
- Your child's Friday book also needs to be returned to school promptly.
- Your signature in the notebook indicates that you have heard your child read or in some cases have read to them. Students need a variety of text types and a break from screen time.
- Please appreciate that at times our reading programme changes and there will be no books sent home.
- Using the Reading Eggs programme on our iPads.

### **Maths**

Most of our work will be based on developing number knowledge and counting skills. This will include simple addition and subtraction and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

We will also be exploring measuring using a variety of equipment. This will include basic money skills. These activities will be delivered through play - by making use of our classroom mini market and kitchen.



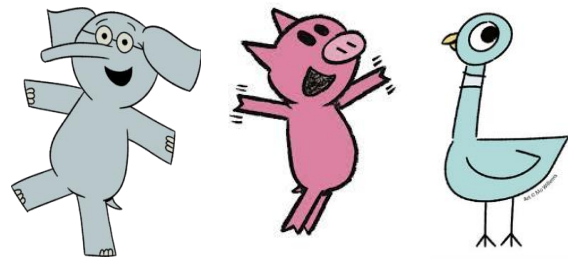
### **Extra Room 7 learning**

At the end of Term 1 we wrote up a 'wish list' of things the class wanted to learn about. Our lists includes making pizzas, learning some Samoan, reading more books by Mo Willems and making bubbling and fizzing potions.



We'll see how we go and may change direction from time to time as our wishes change.

We've made a start on learning more about the characters of Mo Willems so expect to see more Gerald, Piggie and Pigeon artwork.



### **Tuakana-Teina time.**

Once again our buddy class is Room 13. They are a senior class of years 5 and 6 students. We will meet with them every week on a Thursday afternoon and sit with them at lunch times.

### **Teacher Release Days- 3 days this term.**

This year I have Mrs Jan Dodd as my release teacher. Most of the students know her. I will be using these days to test students, observe teaching sessions and focus on professional reading and writing.

Week 2: May 7, Week 5: May 28 and Week 7: June 11

### **School wide events:**

- **M.P.S. Cross Country Run**

Week 5: Wednesday 29 May- postponement day  
Thursday 30 May.

Please note that Room 7 will be doing Cross Country practise around the school field most days. Your child needs shoes that they can run in.

**Gumboots or jandals are not suitable for this.**



- **3 Way Learning Conferences**

These will be for those parents and students who get a written report at the end of this term. This means for all those who did not get a written report at the end of Term 1. Week 8 - 19 and 20 June.

- **Whanau Day (Matariki) Week 9 Friday 28 June**

### **Please keep in touch**

I really value the input that good communication between home and school can bring to your child. I am especially mindful that children grow up all too quickly and time with you talking about their school learning is precious. **If you have a skill to share or a time slot you could volunteer in class please do not hesitate to contact me.**

Kind regards  
Denise Hancox