

Room 8 newsletter

Term 3 2020

Kia ora, a warm welcome to term 3 and hopefully a more settled second half of 2020. We are looking forward to another busy term.



Term Three is often wet, windy and cold and the weather can be unpredictable. Please send a jacket or raincoat (as well as their school sweatshirt) and shoes that stay dry in wet weather or gumboots so that the children can be outside at playtimes but stay warm and dry at the same time. Please make sure all clothing including shoes, gumboots and jackets are named clearly.

Although it is cold, it is also important that students bring a named water bottle for use at school so they can keep hydrated during the day. The school fountains will be turned off until the end of the year.



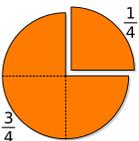
A bit of what is happening this term...

Shared lunch- Next week our class will be having a shared lunch on Thursday 30th July. This is a whole class reward that we have been working towards since we came back from lockdown. Please send along a small plate of food for everyone to share. Some suggestions are small sandwiches, biscuits, chippies, cherrio sausages or vegetables cut into sticks.



Inquiry Topic – We are beginning the term by investigating living things starting with Frogs.

Reading/literacy –As a class we are focusing on developing a variety of strategies to use when we come to an unknown word.



Maths – We have begun the term learning about fractions.

PE – For PE we are learning Rippa rugby skills. Please make sure that your child has a spare change of clothes to wear on our special Thursday sessions on the 30th July and 6th August.

These sessions are weather dependent and will be later in the term if the weather is unsuitable on the days scheduled.

Seesaw- We are sharing lots of our learning and fun on Seesaw. I also add notices and reminders for our class. Please make sure you check it regularly.



Upcoming dates

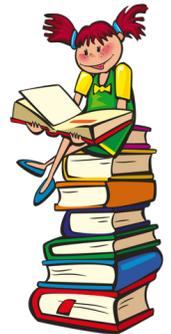
July	August	September
Shared lunch Thurs 30 th Rippa rugby Thurs 30 th (weather dependent).	Rippa rugby Thurs 6 th August (weather dependent). Teacher only day Fri 28 th	Learning conferences Wed 9 th and Thurs 10 th Whanau Day Fri 18 th Disco Thurs 24 th Last day of term Friday 25 th
Reminders Library- Fridays. Please make sure library books are at school. Assemblies- Fridays 12.00 in the hall. Everyone welcome.		

Home Learning

The book your child brings home should be an easy read. It may be a book they have had before. There are three ways you can read these books:

1. Listen to your child read the book to you.
2. Read the book with your child taking turns reading each page.
3. Read the book to your child.

Maths: Although this is not part of the home learning any practise of counting forwards and backwards, skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and learning basic facts is beneficial. If you would like ways to support your child's learning in this area, please see me.



Afternoons and evenings can be busy times so we understand if there are days when you do not

get time for Home Learning however please send the home learning notebook, reading books and book bags back every day as we often use these during class time.

Finally, just a reminder that **school starts at 8:45**. All children find the start to the day better if they arrive before this and have time to organise their belongings and greet their teacher and friends before this time.

Please pop in and see me if you have any questions about anything, big or small, it's all important!

Nga mihi,

Mrs Mandy Smyth