

Room 1 Newsletter Term One 2020

Kia Ora Tātou, Welcome to Term 1 at Masterton Primary School!

It is so nice to see everyone, and exciting to meet our new tamariki and their whānau.

Our New Entrant rooms work closely together. We run a Play-based (Learning Through Play) Environment, and have a very busy term ahead, with lots of learning adventures planned.

Why we believe in the value of Play:

Play is an essential part of a child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical 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 the end product but about a process. It is the exploration of ideas that is crucial.

Play is childrens' work.



Book Bags

These go home each night to 'protect' the reading book and need to come back each day. We will not send home another book if the previous one is not returned or if there is no book bag to put it in. Each reader costs the school approximately \$10 so they are precious!

As we move through this term you will find activities coming home that will reinforce what we are learning in class. Please keep these in the book-bag so you can practice daily, and we can update them as needed.

During the first few weeks of this term we are getting to know your child and how they learn. Your child will bring home a book that they have chosen - it will **NOT** be a book they can read. Please enjoy reading this book to your child in a non-stressful atmosphere. The main thing is to enjoy reading with your child.

Do not worry if your child brings the same book home a few days in a row! It is fine if they just look at the pictures and talk about them.

These first weeks back at school are a settling in time - children need to get into routine, and will probably be exhausted when they get home, especially if the weather is hot! So relax and take it easy - don't stress about homework!

We will be having sun safety and water safety lessons this term while the weather is fine, so please remember to apply sunscreen and to send (named) togs and towel **every day**, thanks!



This is our home/school communication app. This app allows your child and myself to share their learning, events and notices instantly to your phone, tablet or computer. It is super easy to join! Just follow the instructions on the sheet. Let me know if you have any problems!

If you need to talk to me about anything, you can either email me on smiths@masterton.school.nz, message me on Seesaw, or pop in before or after school to arrange time for a chat.

Office ph 06 377 5297 Absences txt 027 711 9021



Independence

Right from the early years you can help your child to develop independence and encourage responsibility for their belongings by expecting them to hang up their own bag and put all their belongings (their Book Bag, Communication Notebook and drink bottle etc) away in the correct places. At the end of the day you can continue to develop these skills by letting your child pack and carry their own bag, and waiting outside the classroom until they are released.

Uniforms

Please ensure every single item of your child's clothing is named, including footwear, underwear, togs and towel !

For hats please use a permanent marker pen on the tag but we also suggest that you write on the fabric inside the hat as well. Your child needs their **sunhat** every day - morning tea and lunch time - or they will be unable to play. **No hat = No play!** We find it is easier for children to leave their sunhat at school each night so they don't forget it. Kids Klub students also need another sunhat (which stays at Kids Klub).



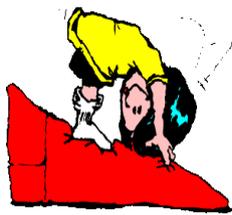
PMP Program

PMP or the Perceptual Motor Program is a physical education program designed to develop the children's fine and gross motor skills. The children participate in many activities such as walking on lines, heel-to-toe, climbing through obstacles, whole-body rolling and ball bouncing.

Our PMP program will be starting for all junior classrooms halfway through this term.

We welcome all helpers, and are currently short of volunteers!

If you can spare an hour and a half once a week, 8.30 - 10 am and are interested in helping please contact the office.



This Term Room I will be learning about...

PE & Health: Water Safety, Sun Safety

Inquiry: How to be Amazing Learners

Numeracy: Number , Geometric shapes , Statistics

ICT /Library: Finding my way around

Literacy: Pre-reading skills, Alphabet and phonics knowledge

Writing: Pre-writing skills, Pencil control, Letter formation

Art: Drawing, painting, construction

Music: Singing

Te Reo: Karakia, greetings and classroom commands

Dates for Your Diary

6th Feb No School (Waitangi Day)

19th & 20th Feb Whanau Hui

(An opportunity to meet so I can answer any questions you may have, and I can learn more about your child and your hopes for this year)

12th March Whanau Picnic on the field
(A meet and greet with staff and families)

25th & 26th March *Learning Conferences

8th April Last Day of Term 1

28th April First day of Term 2

* Not every child - you will be contacted if this applies to you 😊