



## Welcome to Room 3 ☺

I would like to welcome all children and families to Room 3. I hope everyone has had a great summer break and are all refreshed and ready for the year.

We are settling into Room 3. We love being very close to the sandpit and having deck space to play! Please let me know if you would like to become involved in helping in the classroom during the year, we are always looking for parents/grandparents to listen to children read or help out in the class.

I look forward to working in partnership with you over the year. If you have any queries, please let me know.

Regards,

Chris

## Our learning this term

For Reading this term we are learning to read basic words. We are focusing on learning to point under each word when we read, and to read the words we are learning correctly. From next week, your child will bring their book bag home daily. Please ensure book bags are returned to school each day.

For Maths this term we will be gathering information about our favourite things. We will be learning to organise and display the information and discuss the results. We will then refresh and continue to build on our knowledge of numbers and the strategies we use to solve number problems. Later in the term we will also inquire into shape- shapes that we see in our environment; how shapes can be sorted; similarities and differences between shapes; and the mathematical names given to shapes and parts of shapes.

In Room 3 much of our day is spent learning through play. Play is children's work, and it is an essential part of their development. Through play children make sense of the world around them and explore social interactions.

During week 9 (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> -Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March) we will be holding three-way learning conferences for children who have reports due this term. More information regarding these will be in the newsletter closer to the time.

Attached to this newsletter is your child's internet safety permission form. Could you please read and sign this form and return it to me as soon as possible. Year 1 and 2 children do not need to sign the form.

This year we will be using Seesaw across the school. Seesaw is an online learning journal and is private between you, your child and the teacher. Attached to this newsletter is an invite letter with details about how to sign up to see the learning your child shares and any teacher notices. If you have any problems, please let me know. Children always love to have feedback on their work. Please add positive comments on their posts from time to time. Things that are shared from school can also be great conversation starters with your child.

## Coming Dates

(Remember to also check the newsletter each Tuesday for new information and updates)

**Miss B will be on release on the following dates:** Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Whaea Kate will be in Room 3 on these days.

**Weekly Assembly:** You are welcome to attend school assemblies. They are on Fridays from midday in the hall. I will let you know on Seesaw when Room 3's will be hosting assembly.

**Whanau Hui afternoons:** These will be after school next week (Wed 17<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Feb). These are opportunities to talk about the year ahead and how we can work together to do the best we can for your child. You can select a timeslot online via [schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://schoolinterviews.co.nz) using the code **5wrj8** If you need any assistance in booking an appointment please let me know.

## PMP

Room 3's PMP times are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8.55 until 9.15am. Karen is always on the lookout for parent helpers, so please let me know if you are interested in helping out ☺

## Swimming

We are very fortunate to have a school pool at MPS. Room 3's swimming time is 1.15 till 1.45. Please ensure that your child brings their togs and towel to school each day. Please also ensure all uniform is clearly named to help avoid mix-ups.

## Hot Weather

MPS is a sun smart school and sunhats are compulsory for terms 1 and 4. Please ensure students bring their sunhats every day. Sun hats can be any colour but **MUST HAVE A WIDE BRIM**

We also encourage children to have a named drink bottle that is **WATER ONLY** for class use.

