

Haere mai ki te whanau whitu

Welcome to Room 7

Nau mai haere mai



We are a class of 22 of Year 3s with 12 boys and 10 girls.

Most of us know each other well from last year but we do have a new student to MPS called Ruatipua Morgan.

Welcome to Ruatipua and her whanau.



A bit about me:

My name is Denise and my teacher name for students is Mrs Hancox. I began working at MPS in 2016 after many years firstly as a classroom teacher in Wainuiomata and Naenae. Then for 18 years I was a Deputy Principal at a big school in Wellington. I have been a Principal at a rural school and have now returned to my first love of being a classroom teacher. I live in Masterton with my husband and we have two adult children and a grand daughter who has just started College.

Term 1 2021

This term we will be building on our basic literacy and numeracy skills from 2020.

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 (but not every day) with student notebooks.
- Ideally everyone should have a book bag to protect the books.
- 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 class iPads. Families can access Reading Eggs on their device at home. I have edited some of Room 7's log in details to make them easier and will be sending these home.

Maths

Most of our work will be based on developing number knowledge and counting skills.

This will include simple addition, subtraction and multiplication and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

We will also be exploring measuring using a variety of equipment.

Using the school pool

Swimming/ water safety skills are a part of the New Zealand Curriculum . Please send your child to school with their togs - Monday - Thursday



Tuakana-Teina time.

Our buddy class is Room 11. They are a senior class of years 4 and 5. We will get to know them well over the course of the year and help each other.

Teacher Release Days- 3 days this term.

This year I have Mrs Charlotte Williams 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.

Important dates:

- Whanau Hui Wednesday 17 Feb/Thursday 18 Feb - more details later
- Thursday March 18 - Whanau Picnic
- Tues/Wed March 30 and 31 Learning Conferences for those students due to receive a written report this term.
- Thursday April 1 Teacher Only Day - so no school for students.
- Friday April 2 Good Friday
- Monday/Tuesday April 5 and 6 Easter break.
- Friday April 16 last day of term

I really value the input that good communication between home and school can bring to your child.

We will achieve this through See Saw, our Room 7 Facebook page, school newsletters, emails, phone calls, notes and of course one to one chats.

I am especially mindful that children grow up all too quickly and time with you talking about their school learning is precious.

It is important to send your child to school to start the day at 8.45 a.m.

Students need to arrive at a time where they have time to unpack their bag and have a catch up with their friends.

Kind regards

Denise Hancox