

Junior Syndicate News Letter

Term 1 2016

Dear Parents and caregivers,
 Kia ora and hello, I would like to extend to you a very warm welcome to the Junior Syndicate at Mangawhai Beach School. I hope you are looking forward to starting a new and exciting year! In our team we have Sue Spry in the New Entrant Room, Heather Lymburn in Room 1, Nicky Ling in Room 2, Michelle Dempsey in Room 3 and Sonya Lumbus (syndicate leader) in Room 4. We are all very excited for the year ahead and looking forward to building strong home-school relationships. We welcome Nicky Ling to our team and wish her all the very best for her first year with us. I hope you are all ready for an awesome 2016, it is going to be great!

Kind regards,
 Sonya Lumbus

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At our school we follow the BEACH aspirations:

- B**alanced
- E**xcel
- A**ctive
- C**reative
- H**aving fun

A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER...

If you are picking children up from school please make sure you wait at the gym and stay away from the classrooms. The reason behind this is that the safety of your children is our biggest priority, and this can be a very busy time. Children catching the bus or walking will be looked after by the teachers on duty out the front of the school. If your child is going to after school care please make sure they know where to go.

Swimming is happening this term until further notice, therefore your child must be able to put on swimming togs and a bathing cap by themselves. It is a fantastic idea to practise this at home. Please bring a towel for your child to dry themselves and a bag to put their wet clothing in.

This term is a very hot term so hats **MUST** be worn outside at all times. If your child has no hat they will be under the shelter outside Rooms 1-4. It is a great idea that your child does not wear hot, heavy shoes with laces to school or clothing underneath their uniform during this term. Jandals and sandals with names on or bare feet are the best option.

If you wish to help out in your child's class please speak to their teacher who will arrange a suitable time. Remember to sign in at the office on these days. Do not be offended if a staff member asks you where your "visitor's badge" is. It is our responsibility to make sure the school is a safe place.

PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED: hats, togs, towel, all clothing including underwear, shoes, lunch boxes, drink bottles, personal items

Children love to try and bring toys and personal items to school in their bags. Please make sure that no valuables come to school unless you have spoken to their teacher.

As your children are still very little they may have a few accidents or may fall over at school, we ask that you please pack a spare set of clothes in their bags, clearly named, so that they can get changed if this happens. There are no spare uniforms at the office for children to put on.

If you are bringing something into school for your child like lunch, togs, books, you need to drop these items off at the office and your child will come and collect them as soon as they can. Please do not take them directly to their class as it interrupts learning time and you would need a visitors badge on.

We are back into routines at school now so we ask that you please make sure your children have had a good breakfast before they come to school and have a sensible lunch packed for the day with items that they can open by themselves. A drink bottle full of water is an awesome idea to keep their brains switched on.

So what are we learning this term?....

In **maths** we will be learning all about Statistics and number knowledge.
We will also continue with the Maths Whizz programme in classes. This will mean children do 'tutor' mode at school and 'replay' mode at home. We ask that parents do not help answer the questions for children as it will only make it harder for them. Instead try explaining the question to them so that they may understand it better.

The virtues we will be learning about this term...

CARING

Week 1-5

UNITY

Week 6-11

In **health and physical education** we will be starting off with swimming and then moving into athletic skills like run, jump and throw. We will look at safety in and around the water as well as being sun smart. The children will be involved in the Swim for Life programme for the first 6 week, where they will learn about water safety.



In **literacy** we will be learning how to write simple sentences about our plans or pictures in Rooms NE, 1 & 2 and in Rooms 3 & 4 the children are learning to write longer more complex sentences using details. We will be writing recounts about our experiences, writing classroom rules, retelling a story, writing about ourselves and lots more! Come in and check out how your child's writing is going any time. The children will be continuing to use our writing symbols we created last year to talk about what they have done well and what they need to work on next. In reading we will be doing guided reading groups with the teacher every day as well as reading poems, big books, library books and topic books. This year, every class will be using a computer programme called Reading Eggs, which is very similar to Maths Whizz but it focuses on literacy skills.

In **Maori** we will be learning all about 'whanau'. The children will be...
-Communicating the school pepeha in Te Reo Maori.
-Greeting people formally and informally in Te Reo Maori
-Communicating about whanau relationships in Te Reo Maori

In **inquiry** we are looking at Citizenship and what it means to be a good citizen in Mangawhai and a great MBS student. The children will be sharing information about themselves and their family.

Thank you for attending the Meet the Teacher day on 3rd February. It was so lovely to get to know your children more 😊

Maths Whizz is an awesome programme that helps to learn maths knowledge and strategies independently on the computer. Check out more at the office.

If you ever need to contact your child's teacher, email them on:
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Sue: sspry@mangawhaibeach.school.nz

School lunches are every Thursday. Get an order form from the office and place your order in the colourful lunch box. Popcorn and ice blocks for sale every Friday at school 😊

Library days:
Room 2 – Monday, Room 3 – Tuesday
NE Room, Room 1, Room 4 - Friday

See your child's teacher for their swimming days and times 😊