

Junior Syndicate News letter

Term 2 2015

Dear Parents and caregivers,
Kia ora and hello, I would like to welcome you back to Term Two at Mangawai Beach School. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an exciting term ahead. In our team we have, Heather Lymburn in Room 1, Sonya Smith (syndicate leader) in Room 2, Michelle Dempsey in Room 3 and Chaehee Park in Room 4. Paula Bygrave is the DP and in charge of the Junior and Middle Syndicates. We are all ready for the term and are looking forward to the learning we have planned.

Regards,

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At our school we follow the **BEACH** aspirations:

Balanced

Excel

Active

Creative

Having 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.
- This term can get quite cold, so school beanies can be purchased from the office and worn at school. Your child may also wear a black long sleeve top under their school shirt.

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

- 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 "visitors badge" is. It is our responsibility to make sure the school is a safe place.
- We are back into routines at school this week, so we ask that you please make sure your child/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.
- 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.
- 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.
- If you are bringing something into school for your child like lunch, 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.

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

In **maths** we will be learning all about measurement and number knowledge and strategy.

We will also continue with the Mathswizz 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...

RESPECT

Week 1-5

EXCELLENCE

Week 6-9

In health and physical education

We will be focussing on big balls skills and looking at how we throw and catch with our hands, and how we strike a ball with our feet. We will be looking at how we can stay happy and healthy as we head into more colder months.

In **Maori** we will continue to learn simple words, colours, phrases and songs. We will continue to label items around our classrooms and ask others to get these or put these back using simple phrases. We will move on to learning names of food.

In **literacy** we will be learning how to write simple sentences about our plans or pictures in Rooms 1 & 2 and in Rooms 3 & 4 learning to write longer more complex sentences using details. We will be writing recounts about our experiences, writing classroom rules, letters to people, writing open ended questions for interviews, retelling a story, poems 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 **inquiry** we will firstly look at ANZAC Day and what this day means. Then we will move into inquiry focussed on Sustainability and what it means. The children will learn all about what is happening with the mangroves in our community and how we can be a part of the clean up. The children will learn about the shore line and how we can help out in our local community. We will be looking at facts and information about the mangroves and how to display the information we find out.

Thank you for your ongoing help and support last term. We really appreciate it 😊

Mathswizz is an awesome programme that helps to learn maths knowledge and strategies independently on the computer.

If you ever need to contact your child's teacher, email them on:

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*Check out more at the
office.*

School lunches are every Thursday. Get an order form from the office and place your order in the colourful lunch box. The school sells a range of ice blocks and pop corn every Friday. Hand your money in to the teacher to buy something.

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

RIDDLE:

What has hands but cannot clap?

Every class uses **Reading Eggs** as part of their literacy programme this year. It is very similar to Maths Whizz. Children should aim to do 5-10mins every night. Please get your login and passwords from your teacher.