

# Junior Syndicate News Letter

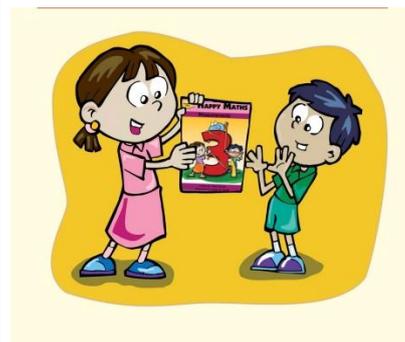
## Term 1 2015

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, 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 very excited for the year ahead and looking forward to building strong home-school relationships. I hope you are ready for an awesome 2015!!!

Regards,

Sonya Smith

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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.
- 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. Jandals and sandals with names on or bare feet are the best option.
- 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.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED: hats, togs, towel, 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 now 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, 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.

## 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 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...

# CARING

Week 1-5

# UNITY

Week 6-9

In **health and physical education** we will be starting off with swimming and then moving into athletic skills like run, jump and throw.



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 **Maori** we will be learning some simple words, colours, phrases and songs. We will also be labelling items around our classrooms and asking others to get these or put these back using simple phrases.

In **inquiry** we are looking at Citizenship and what it means to be a good citizen. The children will learn all about safety on computers, belonging to groups and their own identity. We will be looking at people in the community, our families, how to work together in the classroom and rules at school and in the classroom. After learning about how to be a good citizen, the children will come up with ideas to help others at our school.

Thank you for attending the Meet the Teacher day on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. It was so lovely to get to know your children more 😊

**Mathswizz 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:  
 Heather: [hlymburn@mangawhaibeach.school.nz](mailto:hlymburn@mangawhaibeach.school.nz)  
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 Michelle: [mdempsey@mangawhaibeach.school.nz](mailto:mdempsey@mangawhaibeach.school.nz)  
 Chaehee: [cpark@mangawhaibeach.school.nz](mailto:cpark@mangawhaibeach.school.nz)

School lunches are every Friday. Get an order form from the office and place your order in the colourful lunch box.

## Library days:

Room 3 – Tuesday  
 Room 1, 2, 4 – Friday

## Our swimming days are:

Monday and Thursday - Room 2 & Room 3  
 Wednesday and Friday - Room 1 & Room 4

## Fun challenge for at home:

How many words can you make from:

# education

Here's 2 to get you started: in, on