

Junior Syndicate News Letter

Term 4 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Kia ora and hello, I would like to welcome our new families to the Junior Syndicate at Mangawhai Beach School and a warm welcome back to everyone else. I hope you all had a fantastic break and you are ready for a fun term full of excellent learning! In our team we have Heather Lymburn in Room 1, Sonya Smith in Room 2 (Syndicate Leader), Melanie Bell in Room 3, Chaehee Park in Room 4, Donna McGregor-Cox in Room 5 and we welcome Eileen Nesbitt in Room 6. We are very excited to have Eileen join our team this term. She is looking forward to getting to know all the New Entrant children who are joining our syndicate.

This is going to be an awesome term!

Thanks,

Sonya Smith

At our school we follow the BEACH aspirations:

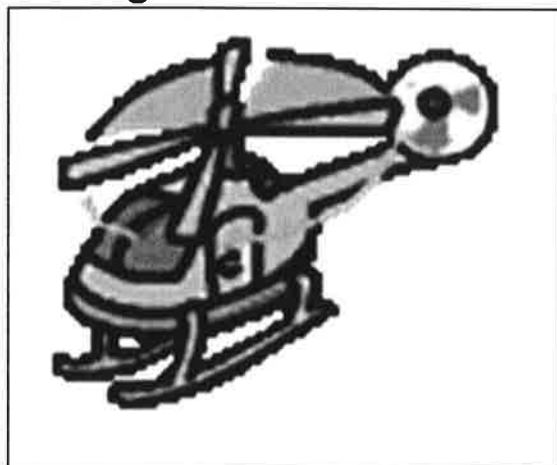
Balanced

Excel

Active

Creative

Having fun



A FEW 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 sorted out by 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 your child needs to wear a MBS school sunhat. This is compulsory from Week 3 onwards. These can be purchased from the office.

PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED: sunhats and 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 visitor's 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, especially as it will get warmer towards the end of this term.
- 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, bookbags, books, you need to drop these items off at the office and they will come and collect them as soon as they can. Please do not take them directly to their class as it interrupts learning time.

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

In maths we will be learning all about capacity, length and time, which will involve putting days of the week and months of the year into the correct order. We will also be learning number knowledge and strategy, as well as continuing our learning on Mathswizz. 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...

Joyfulness

Week 1-5

Friendliness

Week 6-10

AG DAY

Keep an eye out for a junior school newsletter with details for this day!

In physical education we will start off by continuing our skipping skills for Jump Rope for Heart. Then we will be focussing on athletics, which involves learning the skills - run, jump and throw. We will finish off with summer sports and discussing safety around water.



In health we are going to look at caring for others, how to work together nicely, sun smart and beach/summer safety.

In literacy we will be learning to write speeches. We will be learning about persuasive writing. We will continue to write recounts, information reports, poems, label pictures and diagrams, write comparisons and similarities and write about plans or pictures. The children will be writing reflections about their flying machine they will make in our technology unit. We are continuing to use our symbols in writing to give specific feedback and feed forward to the children to help them with their next learning steps. Come in and check out how your child's writing is going any time. In reading we will be doing our normal guided reading groups with the teacher every day as well as reading poems, big books, library books and topic books. We are working on looking deeper into the text to answer comprehension questions about the book as well as understand what we are reading. In spelling we are following the Jolly Phonics Programme and Sounds Like Fun programme, as well as learning the Essential Spelling Lists. All children will get tested twice a term on these.

In inquiry we are continuing to learn about man made flying machines like aeroplanes, hot air balloons and helicopters, and discuss the different parts they need to be able to fly and what each part does. The children will do research into different machines and their parts and use this info to design their own flying machine and make it using crafts.

This term we have continuing to learn Te Reo Maori in the classroom. The children are really enjoying the word of the week as well as learning new songs and games in Te Reo.

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

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

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

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**Our library
day is
Friday
(every class)**