

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

19 October 2017

Dear Parents & Guardians,

WHAREMAUKU - TERM 4 UPDATE

Welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to any new families who have joined us this term. We have eight year one and two classes in our team this term and you will see we have some changes to staff.

Rooms and Teachers:

Room 5 Reception	Michelle Abraham
Room 2 Year 1 & 2	Angela Milsted
Room 3 Year 1	Zahna Schulze-Rossouw (Mrs SR)
Room 1 Year 1	Linda Webb
Room 6 Year 2	Mariee Mear (Team Leader)
Room 7 Year 1	Michaela Dear
Room 8 Year 2	Molly Daube
Room 9 Year 1	Tansy Sharp
Reading Recovery	Jo Humphries

Playbased Learning

This year we have been focusing on the key competencies - teaching social skills through play. We have found this to be very successful and have noticed that the children are working together more positively.

Play in the classroom also gives the children an opportunity to practise many of the skills they have been taught in their class. These include counting, cutting, problem solving, building construction, measuring, writing and many more. Play based learning enables them to explore individual interests and develop their curiosity.

Mathematics

These are the topics we are looking at this term for mathematics along with number and algebra:

Patterns and Relationships - Generalise that the next counting number gives the result of adding one object to a set and counting the number of objects in a set tells how many.

- Create and continue sequential patterns

Geometry

- Sort objects by their appearance

Literacy

Children read and write with their teacher daily. We use the "Jolly Phonics" programme to help the children to learn letter sounds as well as blends and digraph sounds. The children learn a variety of action songs, which help them to remember the sounds. You can find out more about how Jolly Phonics works on Youtube.

<http://jollylearning.co.uk/overview-about-jolly-phonics>

We are constantly encouraging the children to take risks with their spelling by writing down the sounds they can hear in words they are unable to spell.

Children who are able to write successfully on their own are being encouraged to read over what they write and make corrections to their spelling using a dictionary card or basic dictionary. They are also encouraged to add detail their writing to make it more informative and interesting for the reader.

Events for the term:

Talent Quest

Children who are interested in taking part need to start practising now. Each class will be holding their own talent show and the best of these will enter the Junior Talent Quest which will be held in week 3. The winners from here will be in the school finals, which are to be held in week 4.

So keep practicing and share your talent with Raumati Beach School.

Summer Camping Day

We are hoping to have a day at school where we set up a campsite and enjoy all the fun of camping. This will be in Week 5, around the 15th November. More details to follow.

Christmas Craft and Singing Day

You are all invited to come along spend time making crafts with you child in their class and then listen to the Junior School perform a variety of songs. The date for this is Tuesday 5th December. Bring along the whole whanau if you wish. We will send out a reminder closer to the day.

Homework

Your child should be bringing home regular reading. This could either be a book or their poetry folder. It is important that your child reads for approximately 10 minutes each night as this makes a big difference in the progress they make in reading each term.

Please ensure that when you are at school you check the notice board between rooms one and two as this will have any important information that you may need throughout the year.

We are all looking forward to a term packed full of learning and fun.

Last day of school for 2017 Friday 15th December. Thank you so much for all your support this year.

Regards,

THE TEACHERS IN TEAM WHAREMAUKU.