

# **RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL**

4 May 2018

Dear Parents & Guardians,

## **WHAREMAUKU - NEWSLETTER - TERM 2**

Haere mai, welcome everyone to a busy Term 2. I hope that you all had a relaxing holiday and were able to spend time with your family and friends.

Last Term was very busy and we would like to thank you for all your support with the many events we had throughout the term. It was great to see so many of you and your whanau at our athletics day.

Our focus this term is science so expect lots of talk about the large variety of science experiments we will be doing. Many of these will be related to water and the water cycle.

### **Mathematics**

This year our school-wide professional learning is about the teaching of mathematics and how we can best help your children with their learning.

This term we will be working on number, addition and subtraction. Some children will be doing this up to 20 others to 50 and some higher. We will start at a place that best suits your child. We will be encouraging the use of materials to help the children with their understanding of what they are doing. By the end of the term we hope that the children in our classes will be able to add and subtract at their appropriate level and have an understanding of Place Value. i.e. 345 that the 4 represents 4 tens or 40. Much of the addition and subtraction will be practised through number stories and the children will be encouraged to make up number stories of their own. An example - Joan had 9 cakes she gave 3 to Sue and 2 to Gregg. How many cakes does she have left? These stories can be changed to be more challenging by using larger numbers.

### **Literacy**

The 'Jolly Phonics' programme and 'Yolanda Soryl's,' phonetic programme help our children to learn sounds of letters as well as the different sounds for letter patterns. This gives the children tools to help with decoding in reading and encoding when spelling new words in writing.

*If you can say it, (a word) you can read it and write it.* Phonetic awareness makes this saying possible.

This term we are going to have more literacy based activities during Play and the children will be encouraged to use the skills they are taught to write. They will also be able to write about their experiences during play and the experiments we are doing for science during more formal writing sessions.

### **Cross Country**

This term we are busy training for Cross Country. There will be a whole school cross country day week 3, Thursday 17th May. We will be running in the morning but as yet we are not sure of the timetable. More information will be available very soon.

### **Homework**

Your child should be bringing home regular reading, either a book they have read with their teacher, a known book, a shared book which the whole class will have read and discussed together or their poem. It is important that you read with your child for approximately 10

minutes each night as this makes a positive difference to the progress they make in their reading each term.

### **Seesaw**

Please make sure that you have signed up to this so that you can see what's going on in your child's class. It is also an easy way for your child's teacher to quickly contact you and to share the successes your child will have throughout the year.

### **Learning Journals**

The children loved sharing these with their families. We hope that you found them useful and that you enjoyed reading them with your child. If you would like to discuss your child's journal contact their teacher to a convenient time for you both to meet.

Learning Journals will go out again at the end of this term, these will be especially good to see as they will show your child's progress over the last term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning or you're just not sure about something, please feel free to come in and see your child's classroom teacher. This is your first port of call for any classroom issues. If you require further support, your next step is the team leader. If you're still not happy with the communication or outcome, your final step is the senior team. Please ensure you follow this procedure to adhere to our school's policy. If it is difficult for you to come into school, all teachers have an email address on the Raumatī Beach School website.

Regards,

### **The Teachers of Team Wharemauku**

Molly, Michaela, Angela and Mariee