

# **RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

## **TEAM WHAREMAUKU NEWSLETTER TERM 3 2018**

Haere mai, welcome everyone to a busy Term 3. 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.

Our focus this term is Power and we will look at the power of wind so expect lots of talk about how we are learning the recorder and using our wind to create a sound.

### **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 for maths we are looking at Time: O'clock,  $\frac{1}{2}$  past and  $\frac{1}{4}$  to and past, on an analogue clock.

We are also looking at position and orientation, movement directions,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  turns, under, over, through etc.

### **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 for writing. 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.

### **PE and Health**

Large ball skills - developing a wide range of movement skills such as bouncing, dribbling catching and throwing.

- Accepting challenges and extend personal capabilities.

### **The Arts Music**

As you will be aware this term we are going to learn to play the recorder. Not all the teachers know how to play so they will be learning along with the class. This should be fun and leads on very well from the music classes we had last term where we learnt about the different notes. i.e  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and whole notes. We will be keeping the recorders at school and they are all named so that each child uses only their own recorder.

We are hoping that by the end of the term everyone should be able to play a simple tune.

**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 notes and 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.

Learning Journals will go out again at the end of this term, these will show your child's progress over the last three terms.

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 Raumati Beach School website.

Regards,

**TEAM WHAREMAUKU**

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