

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

22 February 2018

Dear Parents & Guardians,

TEAM WHAREMAUKU NEWSLETTER TERM 1, 2018

Haere mai, welcome everyone to a busy Term 1. This year we have a smaller team of four classes which is made up of year 1 and 2 students.

The teachers in Wharemauku are:

Room 6 Year 2	Mariee Mear (Team Leader)
Room 7 Year 1 & 2	Michaela Dear
Room 8 Year 2	Molly Daube
Room 9 Year 1 & 2	Angela Milsted

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 looking at **statistics** – gathering, sorting and counting objects and learning to graph this information. The children will then learn how to interpret graphs. **Number** - forward and backward counting sequences up to 20 and then on to 50 and 100. We will also be working on skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. **Geometry/transformation** - looking at reflection, rotations and translations.

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 can help to make this saying possible.

If you would like more information about how these programmes work look on Youtube to see Yolanda teaching and google Jolly Phonics to see the songs and actions we teach the class to help them remember the different sounds and patterns.

Book Week (Week 4, 19th – 23rd February)

This week we have made sure that we have read several books a day to the children in our classes. The rich language the children hear is both enjoyable and educational. A huge thank you to the people who have come in and read a favourite book with our classes. The children have loved being exposed to a range of different people reading to them.

On Friday 23rd February the children are invited to come to school dressed up as a character from a book they enjoy. If you are interested in coming in and reading to your child's class anytime during the year, please speak to the classroom teacher and make a time. The children love to listen and it is a great opportunity to hear different dialects and language that they may later come across as they read and write.

Athletics

On Friday the 6th April, we will be having a small athletics session which you and your whanau are invited to attend. The time will be 11.30 - 12.30. You are all welcome to come along and watch your children taking part in these activities. More information will be sent out from classes when it is nearer to the time.

Homework

Your child should soon 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.

Kelly Sports

Our team is working with Martin, from Kelly Sports, to learn the skills you require to be involved in playing a range of games. The skills include dodging, jumping, running etc. Martin is here every Wednesday morning from 9.30 and you are welcome to come along and see the fun the children have while learning new skills or refining skills they have already acquired.

The cost of this is \$30.00. Thank you to those who have paid, if you have yet to pay, please do so through Kindo.

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.

Movin March

This starts on 5th March. It is designed to help get children moving and encourage them to walk, bike and scooter more often. Children will be given a stamp every time they walk, bike or scooter to school and when their card is full, these will be sent in to the Wellington Regional Council to be put in the draw for a prize. Our school will be putting on different events to celebrate walking, biking and scootering and you will hear about these in later newsletters.

Team Wharemauku is going to go for a walk along the Wharemauku Stream and we will finish at the beach where we will be making some sand sculptures.

A notice will be coming home to you shortly to see if you will be able to help with supervision during the walk and while at the beach.

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.

We have had a great start and are all looking forward to a term packed full of learning and fun.

Regards,

Molly, Michaela, Angela and Mariee
WHAREMAUKU TEACHERS