

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

2 February 2017

Dear Parents & Guardians,

WHAREMAUKU – WELCOME TO TERM 1, 2017

Welcome to everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. The Junior School at Raumati Beach is called Wharemauku. We currently have 8 classes but over the year the team will continue to grow. New classes will open, as they are needed.

The teachers in our area are:

Room 1	Year 1	Angie Jury
Room 2	Year 1 & 2	Emerald Nuttridge
Room 4	Year 1	Ura Moe
Room 5	Reception	Michelle Abraham
Room 6	Year 2	Mariee Mear (Team Leader)
Room 7	Year 1 & 2	Michaela Dear
Room 8	Year 1 & 2	Molly Daube
Room 9	Year 1 & 2	Tansy Sharp

Events Coming Up this Term

February 14th, 15th, 16th is **Our Learning Journey walk**, the children will have been read our school Learning Journey story and have a better understanding of why the teams in our school are called Wharemauku, Te Moana and Kapiti. This walk follows the Wharemauku Stream from Weka Park to the sea. More information will follow.

March 17th is **Green Day**, this is a day that our school community raises money for the local hospice. It is an opportunity for our school to give back to the people who help in the wider community of the Kapiti Coast.

On Green Day we all dress in green, and pay a gold coin as a donation to the hospice. The day is a fun day where we have a parade through the village and games and disco at lunchtime. There will be sausages for sale as well as ice blocks at lunchtime. All money raised is given to the hospice, so come along and join in the fun and help us to raise even more money that we did last year. If you would like to be involved and help in some way please tell your child's teacher.

Mathematics:

This term the children will be learning to communicate and explain counting, grouping, and equal-sharing strategies, using words, numbers and pictures.

Each class will be learning forward and backward counting sequences up to 20 and then on to 50 and 100. Children are also learning to gather information by making tally charts, making and creating different types of graphs, and learning to interpret graphs.

Literacy

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 these sounds. When they are confident with these sounds they are able to use them for decoding unknown words in reading and to help with spelling new words when writing. The Year 2 children will be using the ‘Jolly Grammar’ programme that helps with understanding blend sounds and spelling patterns.

Homework

Your child should be bringing home regular reading, either a book they have read with their teacher, a shared book which the whole class will have read and discussed together or their poetry folder. It is important that you read with your child for approximately 10 minutes each night as this makes a big difference in the progress they make in their reading each term.

Our Topic This Term is Resilient Me

We will be working together looking at what makes us resilient. We will be talking about the language of resilience. i.e I can do it, Keep trying,

We will use the book ‘Have you Filled a Bucket Today?’ The concept of bucket filling is an effective metaphor for encouraging kind and considerate behavior and for teaching the benefit of being kind to others. i.e. Helping and encouraging others to be resilient.

Sunsmart Please also remember that we are a sun smart school and that all children must wear a hat at all times when outside in term 1. Hats can be purchased from the office.

If you have any concerns about your child’s learning or just not sure about something please feel free to come in and see your child’s classroom teacher. If it is difficult for you to come into school all teachers have an email address on the Raumati Beach School web site.

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

Regards,

TEAM WHAREMAUKU