

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

8 March 2018

Dear Parents, Whanau and Students,

Let's Play with WORDS

Activity Week 19-23 March 2018

Haere mai, welcome to the first of four activity weeks this year, aimed at injecting some FUN into learning and building our school community.

"But words are things, and a small drop of ink,
Falling like dew, upon a thought, produces
That which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think"

- Lord Byron

This week will be celebrating all things to do with words: letters, reading, writing, speaking, listening, spelling etc. Classes will be altering their usual programmes to focus on fun-filled, creative, challenging and hands-on literacy. There will be some school wide events and we warmly invite the community to participate in these.

- Monday 19th March: 1-1.30 pm, Learning Street **Word Addition**: add a word scrabble style to the giant crossword.
- Thursday 22nd March: 1-1.30 pm, **Student vs Teacher Debate**: 'That students should organise and run schools' (Affirmative: teachers, Negative: Teachers)
- Friday 23rd March: **'Mufti'**: Dress as your favourite letter, word or book character
- Friday 23rd March: 1-1.45pm, **Book Swap**, bring any books you no longer want, drop them off to the hall in the morning and receive a token to 'swap' with another book at lunch.

We also are holding some competitions over the week - your child might like to prepare for and participate in these:

- Wednesday 21st March: 1-1.30pm, Quad (Hall if wet) **Speak Up** : Memorise and perform a poem of your choice, read a passage from a favourite book, perform a short play or narrative
- All week: The Top 25: vote for your favourite book by filling out a form in the library
- All week: **Guess who... wrote this poem?**; identify the staff author of the poems on display in the Learning St.
- In class: Some teams will hold fun 'spelling bees' for interested students
- In Class: If you would like to read to your child's class, please pop in and make a time with your teacher.

We look forward to a fun filled week of the magical world of words! "By words we learn thoughts, and by thoughts we learn life." - Jean Baptiste Girard

Nga mihi,

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