

Welcome Back to Term One

8th February 2010

Dear Parent and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the start of Term One. I hope that you all had an enjoyable break. The following information will provide you with an overview to this terms program, as well as sporting and cultural events.

'Swim Start' programme

Weather dependant, we will swim each day between 10-10.30am in the school pool. Our aim is to develop our students swimming ability and general confidence in water as they work towards their 'Swim Safe' Certificate. Students are required to bring appropriate swimming togs and towel to school **every day**. If your student is not swimming they must bring a note explaining why. I also recommend swimming goggles if you have them. The school pool now has solar heating that we hope will extend our swimming program into the term. On Wednesday, 10th March we will attend the **KRSA Swimming Competition** at Memorial Pool.

Big Idea! - Relationships (Health and PE)

Our Big Idea as a learning focus this term is 'Relationships'. We will begin to explore the concept of relationships from about week six.

School Library

Our allotted time to use the school library is Mondays, 11-12.30am. This is the time for students to issue and re-issue their library books. Each student is allowed 2 books. I encourage all students to have at least one chapter book. There are lots of great chapter books in the library that cater for all reading abilities. Please look after our school library books; they are a wonderful learning resource.

Homework

You would have seen the homework surveys that have been issued to families. Please fill these out and return them to the school office. We will confirm homework expectations within the next couple of weeks.

Top School Competition - Sunday 14th March, Gate Pa School

This event for Year 5/6 students is a fantastic day. We will select a group of 12 students to represent our school in this year's event. The event focuses on teamwork, and our team will consist of students who we think will work well together to achieve a common goal. More on this event nearer to the date.

Labelling possessions

Please make sure all your child's clothing is labelled clearly. This will help us to return lost property to its owner. All stationary, including pens, pencils, rubbers, rulers etc should all be labelled. I will show the class how to do it, and will assist where need be. Everyone will have the same stationary and we don't want any mix-ups.

I am looking forward to teaching this Year 5/6 class and to meeting you all throughout the term. Please feel free to discuss any issues or your child's education with me either by arranging a meeting at the school office, or by seeing me in the classroom.

Kind Regards
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