

3 February 2010



Dear Parents/Caregivers/Students

Welcome to Room 7 and 2010. I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and had a chance to relax and enjoy time with friends and family.

Our term one calendar provides you with dates of events and programme organisation. These will be discussed in more detail at our Meet the Teacher evening. It would be very worthwhile if you are able to attend this evening on Thursday 18th February at 6.30pm. Your input into organisation of our year is valued and appreciated.

Our big idea for Term 1 is 'Relationships' and our focus learning area is Health and Physical Education. I look forward to hearing the student's ideas for this unit of work and planning enjoyable and challenging activities.

We are currently finalising organisation for a Year 8 two day/one night leadership camp to be held on the 23rd and 24th of February. This camp will be held locally at our Tect Park. You will be informed of further details very soon. Year 7 students will remain at school in Room 8.

Next Tuesday we are off on our first education outside of the classroom trip, to Waimarino. It is anticipated that every child will attend. It would be appreciated if all permission and transport slips could be in as soon as possible. Thank you.

Students will continue to travel into Tauranga Primary School for Technology this year. Technology begins next Thursday. The cost of material fees is \$85 for the full year or \$21.25 per term. This is to be paid to the school office please. Many thanks to those who have already paid.

Swimming will be a major focus for PE this term. In preparation for our Tall Poppies Swimming event we will travel to a 25m pool to provide students with an opportunity to practise over longer distances. I am hoping to do this on two occasions. Once days are confirmed I will let you know. A reminder that students are expected to wear their Pyes Pa T-shirt and black shorts for every PE lesson. Black shorts can now be purchased from the office if your child does not have any.

Just to inform you. I will be away from school for Thursday 11th - Monday 15th February. Demelza Pendergrast will teach Room 7 for these three days. I will be competing in the Speight's Coast to Coast Multisport Champs in the South Island.

If you have any questions or queries throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards
Sonya Thompson

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