



Room 1 Newsletter

Dear All

Well here we are at the start of another year. I hope you have all had a great summer break and are now ready for a fantastic year at school. We are so lucky to be welcoming at least 7 new children this term and look forward to making many new friends.

This term will be a very busy one as usual with swimming for the first 6/7 weeks, Meet the Teacher on February 18, school triathlon at the end of February, junior swimming sports on March 11 and then junior inter-school tabloid sports on March 25. Our topic for this term is the Big Idea, Relationships which will focus on the what a relationship is, family, learning community, social community etc and the importance of a positive relationship.

Stationery kits are available from the school office and these contain all that your children will need in the class including the all important book bags. If possible could your child also purchase a Pyes Pa School T. shirt and shorts. Your child will also need a sunhat (named) preferably a school one which must be worn during term 1 and term 4 this being a school rule which means if they don't have a sunhat they are required to stay in a shade area for their own safety. It would be a huge help if you can name all your children's clothes as lost property is a huge school problem especially during the swimming season (names solve everything). A swimming bag would also be a great help.

The children will be bringing home a reader each night from week 1 to share with you such a integral part of the reading programme. They will have a reading record book for you to comment in and sign which contains many helpful hints on the reading process. **LISTENING TO YOUR CHILD READ DAILY IS SO VERY, VERY IMPORTANT AND WILL CERTAINLY HELP THEIR READING TO DEVELOP.** From week 3 the children will have a selection of basic words, to learn to recognise and write correctly, in their notebooks which they will bring home daily. This will be an important part of their reading, writing and spelling. On Fridays from week 2 they will have a folder which will contain a poem to share and a simple homework sheet focusing on letter formation to complete.

On Friday mornings we always run a developmental programme and are delighted to welcome parents and grandparents to help with woodwork, cooking etc.

Pyes Pa School has an open door policy. Any questions or concerns please just call on in. We are firm believers that parents and teachers both play an important part in children's education.

Please find attached a copy of the Cool Bananas programme which is a Bible in Schools programme and runs every Thursday morning. This is a voluntary programme and if you do not wish your child to attend they will be supervised back in class.

Look forward to seeing you

Janet Bilbe