

Pyes Pa School
Room 5
10th February 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Students,

Welcome to Room 5 and 2010. I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and had a chance to relax and enjoy time with friends and family.

I just wanted to say a big thank you to all the parents who have come in and introduced themselves. I am looking forward to a great year with your children and it helps to have the support that I have already received at Pyes Pa. Your children are very enthusiastic and highly motivated. I have enjoyed getting to know them the past couple of weeks.

For those parents I have been unfortunate not to meet just yet I would just like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as your child's class teacher. My name is Kate Staples. I worked at Greenpark School in 2009. Prior to that I taught in The United Kingdom and South Auckland. Please do feel free to come in at any stage to discuss any concerns you may have. If I am unavailable I will gladly make an appointment to meet with you at another stage.

The terms calendar provides you with dates of events and programme organization. Please feel free to come along to the Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday 18th February where the calendar will be discussed in more detail. Our big idea for the term is Health and Relationships. The class programme will be very focused on this in Term 1.

Just a few things:

Hats

It is very hot at the moment. Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a hat and drink bottle. Please do not send them to school with juice.



PE Uniform

It is compulsory at Pyes Pa for your children to wear black shorts and the Pyes Pa sports t-shirt during all physical activity. Your child should be equipped every day. If your child needs to purchase a uniform they are now available in the school office.

Swimming

Swimming has already begun for the year. Thank you to all the parents who have already sent their children to school with their swimming costumes. Room 5 will have swimming Tuesday to Friday. It does pay for the children to have their costumes here each day as there is the opportunity for lunchtime swims.

Library

Our library time is Monday from 11.00 am to 12:30am. Books are issued each week, and can be bought back anytime before the next library day. Books cannot be issued if books are outstanding.

Reading:

Your child will bring home a reading book most nights. At times the children will bring home the same book as the day before. This is to assist with fluency and to allow the children to become more familiar with new words. Your child needs to bring their books to school daily. Spelling words will also come home each week. Your child will get these on Monday and will have all week to learn them.



Classroom Release Time

This term I will be released for planning on Wednesday mornings. In this time your children will be taught Te Reo Maori by Mrs Bidois and Music by Mrs Goddard.

Once again, I am always happy to discuss any queries or concerns you may have regarding your child, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kate Staples