

Welcome Back to Term Three

20TH July 2010

Dear Parent/Caregivers,

Welcome back to the start of Term Three. I hope that you all had an enjoyable break. The following information will provide you with an overview of the terms program including major units of study and sporting and cultural events.

PE.

We will begin our Physical Education program with gymnastics and move into invasion games later on in the term. The invasion games will time in well with the West Cluster Sevens interschool sports tournament.

Students need to bring their PE gear every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. (black Pyes Pa tee shirt and dark shorts). It is inappropriate and unhealthy for students to be running in long pants, jeans, dresses or skirts. Students participate and perform to their full potential when dressed correctly so please help your child to get into this routine.

Students without PE gear will be on rubbish duty at lunch time.

Mathematics

Our Mathematics lessons will continue working on improving students number knowledge and will focus on fractions and decimals through weeks 1-5 then statistics during weeks 6-10. As parents you can help at home by helping your child learn their weekly times table for homework and having fun on the various maths websites that I have e-mailed out.

Social Studies - Belonging

We will undertake a Social Studies inquiry from week 3, with the big idea of 'Belonging'. The concept of belonging to different groups and how people view and use special places is important for students to learn about, understand, and value in their lives.

Speeches

Term Three is speeches time. Our study of writing and presenting effective speeches will happen during weeks 3 and 4. Your child will write their own speech for homework. A homework page that will offer speech ideas and support in writing a speech will be handed out at the end of week 2.

West Cluster Sevens/Oropi winter sports exchange

The West Cluster Sevens is a year 5/6 interschool event where teams compete in soccer, hockey and netball. We also have our annual Oropi School rugby and netball sports exchange in week nine. More information will come home nearer to these dates.

Room 6 and 8 Camp to Ngamuwahine Outdoor Education Lodge - Term 4

We will have a parent meeting later in the term to organise our camp. We are confirmed to go on camp in week 3 of Term Four (27-29th October)

Please study the Term Three Calendar on the reverse side of this page for dates of these and other events that are happening this term. *Please return student portfolios ASAP for use again this term*

Kind regards

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