



## ROOM 7 TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a great holiday and enjoyed the sunny days that we were so lucky to have.

### **Term 3 Calendar**

Our Big Idea concept for this term is 'Belonging', with a focus in the learning area of Social Studies. We will explore this concept through the contexts of; Pyes Pa School, our community and Tongariro National Park. Many areas of the curriculum will be integrated into our big idea.

### **Ski Camp**

Organisation for our camp in week 6 is going to plan. Thank you to those who have returned permission slips. Payments for camp can begin to be made. Please see Jenny or Catherine in the office if you would like to make part payments. We are hoping to reduce the camp fee with fundraising. Payments do not need to exceed \$150 at this stage. A ski camp meeting will be held on the same night as the Year 7/8 Promo night, at an earlier time of 6pm. Both meetings are open to all parents who would like to come along.

### **Home Learning**

Home Learning tasks are designed to consolidate learning from school. It would be appreciated if you could ensure your child is encouraged and provided with the time to complete all activities to the best of their abilities. Students know to come and see me if they have any questions.

Reading and Number Knowledge are target areas for our school. I encourage Room 7 to read regularly at home and use maths games and activities to improve their knowledge of number.

### **Staying healthy**

Healthy eating is vital to maintain good health. I encourage all students to have a water bottle at school and eat plenty of fruit and vegetables. Winter can be chilly at Pyes Pa School. I encourage students to have a warm hat and suitable winter shoes.

A reminder to please keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell or displaying 'flu' like symptoms.

Last term our big idea learning was focused on 'Change'. As part of this, students chose projects in our school that they wanted to improve or change. Our school garden is about to be dug up and replanted, and we now have a fish aquarium in our room! Please feel free to visit our classroom to view student work and progress. If you would like to discuss your child's learning, please contact me at school for an appointment.

Kind Regards

Sonya Thompson

*"It's all about integrity: You need to do the right thing, at the right time, for the right reason".*  
Nick Tuitasi (Young Leaders Day speaker)