

Room 8 Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Caregivers / Whanau,

Term 3 - 'Big Idea' Learning

This term our big idea is 'Belonging' in the Social Sciences learning area. We will be looking at many facets of belonging, particularly in relation to the Pyes Pa community and Tauranga Moana. There may be some opportunities for us to get out of the classroom and do an excursion or two.

As part of getting children to experience belonging, they will be participating in clubs every second Friday. It will be run in Houses and the house teachers will be organising different activities for the children to be involved with. If you have a skill or interest in an activity that you think the children would enjoy learning about and experiencing we would love to hear from you. Check the attached calendar to see if you would be able to attend one of the Fridays.

Library

Our library day is Tuesdays. Please remind your child to bring their borrowed books back to school each week, and encourage them to make use of the school library to challenge and improve their reading comprehension.

Speeches

This term children will be presenting speeches to the class in Week 5. Currently we are looking at topic ideas. We will endeavour to write our speeches over Weeks 2-4. Children will be given time in class to write them. Depending on how well they use their time, will determine whether they need to complete them at home. Please encourage and support your children during this as it is a very challenging and daunting task for some students.

Year 7 Technology

Students will travel into Tauranga Primary School for Technology this term on the Thursdays of Weeks 1-4. On these days children must have covered shoes and long hair tied back.

Sports Gear

Please make sure your child brings their sports gear to school everyday. I suggest sending the gear on a Monday in a named bag. The children can leave it in their cubby all week and take it home on Friday to be washed over the weekend. It is important for comfort and hygiene that they have suitable clothing. PE is an important part of the curriculum and full participation is expected. If your child has an injury preventing them from joining in they will need to bring a signed note to school and give it to their teacher.

Home Learning

This will carry on as usual with weekly spelling words, timetable practice and daily reading. There may also be some work to finish off, if it has not been completed within the time given in class.

Term 4 Camp

Room 8 will be joining Room 6 on camp this year at Ngamuwahine in Week 3 of Term 4. We will be doing some joint fundraising this term to try and reduce the overall camp costs. Tina Kennedy and Ann Marie Mowat have volunteered to donate cupcakes for some cake stalls on Fridays. They usually prepare about 60 cupcakes a week, so if you were able to contribute a batch on some of the Fridays to reduce their work that would be great. Let me know if you can make some cupcakes and we'll work out a roster.

Other Events

We have some fun visits and trips this term including Hiwi the Kiwi in Week 6 and our Marae visit in Week 10. Please put the calendar up in a visible place and encourage your child to check what is coming up so they can be well prepared.

If you have any questions or comments regarding your child's learning get in touch with me for a chat or email me at room8@pyespa.school.nz

Nga mihi,
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