

Room 4 Newsletter Term 2
April 2010



Kia Ora Koutou,

I hope you enjoyed your break making the most of the warm weather and longer days. As we head into winter there will be some who feel the cold more preferring the summer months but I know there will be many happy faces as the ski season gets underway. In all we are very lucky.

We begin the term with a study on Zero Waste with the concept of reusing products. So please put away this week a few reusable items students may like to use in their creating next week.

This term the junior syndicate will be busy working on the development of our production. It will be lots of fun for all, with students and teachers working together on a range of areas from artwork to stage presentation.

Our big idea for Term 2 is "Change" with a focus on science. Students will be using scientific language, recording information and carrying out investigations all to do with change.

Cross country training is our focus this term for PE. Students will be required to wear appropriate footwear and sports gear for training.

Our class will be working with the Resource Teachers on a paired writing programme. Each student will be paired with another student from room 8. The programme is aimed at building skills in writing and editing. It will run for 5 weeks beginning week 2. I am very excited and I know the students will gain much from this experience.

Homework

It was great to see students returning their reading journals daily last term. Please continue to keep up the same routine this term. Spelling words taken from our Big Book will be sent home initially and then as we move into the new writing programme students will be able to record their own spelling words from words in their writing.

Max Cosgrove is heading off soon for a wonderful learning experience. Have a great time Max and don't forget to send us a postcard.

Lastly a big thank you for supporting your child's learning and our class last term. A special thank you also to the following parents for their time and energy last term. Diane Harper (Publisher) Tina Kennedy (Fundraiser), Gina Fitzpatrick (Spelling checker) Anne Marie (Book organiser) Liz and Jenny for classroom resources. A great team effort.

Noho ora mai
Ana Garbes