

Welcome Back to Term Two

20TH April 2010

Dear Parent/Caregivers,

Welcome back to the start of Term Two. 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. Cross-Country

Cross - country running has begun. The senior classes will be training Mondays and Tuesdays, and our class will also train on the days between (weather permitting). Students need to be changed into PE gear (black Pyes Pa Tee Shirt and dark shorts). It is inappropriate for students to be running in long pants, jeans, dresses or skirts.

Mathematics

Our Mathematics lessons will continue working on improving students number knowledge and will focus on Geometry through weeks 1-5. We will then focus on learning strategies to solve Multiplication/Division problems through weeks 6-10. You can help at home by supporting your child's efforts at learning their weekly times table for homework.

Science Big Idea - 'Change'

We have adopted the big idea of 'Change' as a Science focus for this term. We will use this idea as a background to developing our understanding and investigations of the Nature of Science through various fun activities.

Social Studies - 'Zero Waste'

The Zero Waste programme is an annual unit of work focussing on the need to and the benefits of reducing waste. This year our class will investigate composting. The 4x45 minute lessons are delivered by the Zero Waste Education providers.

Young Einstein Competitions

Our Year 5/6 students will have a chance to make the Pyes Pa School Young Einstein Team to compete in this interschool general knowledge competition.

Homework - The homework given each week is designed to support our classroom programme. I expect students to read for at least 10-15 minutes each night and to complete their reading logs. Learning spelling words supports our writing programme and practicing a times table is valuable in developing number knowledge. All homework is issued on Monday and expected to be brought to school on Friday for testing and marking. I record who is doing their weekly reading. Students test themselves on their spelling words and we time our reciting the times table.

Please study the Term Two 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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