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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday break with plenty of sunny days.

Attached is our Term 2 calendar of events and organisation. We have another busy term, with education outside of the classroom opportunities, sporting events, technology and academic studies. Please note that some events are for groups of students;

- Young Leaders Day, for all school prefects.
- Sport BOP Amazing Race
- ICAS Writing and Science

Zero Waste experts will provide learning for students in Week 2. Daily lessons will be based on one of the most precious natural resources on our planet, 'Water'. In this unit students investigate how water is 'made' through the water cycle, how we use this water and what happens to the water we no longer want-waste water and storm water. Also water conservation and our role in the prevention of water pollution through stormwater protection.

Room 7 are fortunate to have two teachers from week 3-10 this term. We have Mrs Rhodes, a 3rd year student teacher from the University of Waikato joining us for her final eight week practicum. She has particular interests in Maths, Literacy, Art, Health and Physical Education.

Our big idea for Term 2 is 'Change' in the learning area of Science. Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of Change in the Material World, as they investigate and use a range of scientific processes. We will also integrate Change into Literacy and Art.

In Health this term, Room 7 will focus on Positive Puberty. An informal meeting will be held Week 6 Monday 24th May between 3.15-4pm. Please come along if you would like to view the unit resources that will be used.

Home Learning will continue to be handed out on a Monday and marked on a Friday. Every week students have Spelling, Maths and Reading homework. As a guide, time could be organised as; 10 min Spelling, 10 min Maths and 20 minutes Reading. Reading and Number Knowledge are our school target areas this year. Home Learning allows students to practise and reinforce their understandings and strategies.

If you ever have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ring me at school or pop in for a chat.

Kind Regards

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