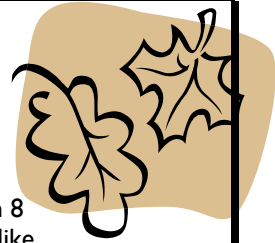


# Room 8 Term 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents / Caregivers / Whanau

As usual the year is whizzing by. I am very happy with the attitudes and progress made by Room 8 students in the first term and I am sure it will continue throughout the rest of the year. I'd also like to welcome a new student to our class; his name is Connor and he will be in Year 6.

## Term 2 – 'Big Idea' Learning

This term we have a few different 'ideas' to cover. The first two weeks will be spent learning a programme used in 'Cool Schools' that supports peer mediation and good choices. This will support our learning around relationships and provide tools for the children to use whilst dealing with challenges and conflict in the playground. Zero Waste Education will be visiting us in Week 2 to teach us about composting. We'll then be looking at 'Change' in the Science learning area. Mrs Pendergrast and I will be covering a variety of scientific ideas to help develop the children's understandings.

## Positive Puberty

This unit starts in Week 8. There will be a parent's meeting in Room 7 on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May for parents to view the resources we will be showing the children and to discuss any ideas or concerns.

## Library

Our library day is always 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.

## Paired Writing

This term we have been offered the opportunity to work with Room 4 on a paired writing programme run by some of Tauranga's literacy experts. The Room 8 children will be the tutors of the Room 4 children. The training will start in Week 1 and it is expected to continue until Week 7. There will be three half hour sessions per week.

## Year 7 Technology

Students will travel into Tauranga Primary School for Technology this term on the Thursdays of weeks 1-5. 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. They need clothes to change into for Cross Country training. 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 for these activities.

## Home Learning

All the children now have a spelling notebook. On the inside cover is the expectations for home learning in Room 8. The children will have 15 spelling words to learn both the spelling and meaning of, 10 basic facts to learn for instant recall and a minimum of 15 minutes reading per night. We also have a site with educational websites bookmarked. The children know how to use it, for access go to - [delicious.com/rm8pps](https://delicious.com/rm8pps). We also now have a wikispace which your child will be able to tell you more about. This will be used as an online tool to present learning.

## Other Events

We have a lot happening this term. Please put the calendar up in a visible place and encourage your child to check what is coming up.

Please keep the lines of communication open. 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](mailto:room8@pyespa.school.nz)

Nga mihi,  
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