



A2 Newsletter

Term 1 2011

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Welcome to Room A2 and the start of a new year. The children have settled in well and we are looking forward to a happy year full of great learning.



Some reminders to help you with our busy school week:

School starts at 8:45am and it would be great if the children could be here before this so they have time to get ready for the day.

No children should be dropped off before 8am unless they are attending Afcare. If the children arrive before the 8:20 bag bell they must **wait outside the library** and not come into the classrooms until they hear this bell.

Our **library day is Friday** and the children can issue a new book every week as long as they return the one from last week. Please help them to get into a routine of keeping their book in their school bag so it is easy to find.

Book bags need to come to school everyday. Children will have notices and home work so their notebook

needs to be checked and signed.

School newsletters come out every Tuesday.

Reading homework will come home Monday to Thursday. Please listen to your child read, ask them questions about the story and help them learn unfamiliar words. These books should be returned everyday.

Poems will come home on Friday to share and read together. Please return the poem folder on Monday.

Children need to wear hats everyday during Term 1 and also again in Term 4. Please name their hat as they all look the same!

Special points of interest:

- ☺ School Welcome Mass Thursday 10th Feb at St Patricks Church.
- ☺ Art Deco Picnic Friday 18th Feb. Children to wear something Art Deco.
- ☺ Meet the Teacher evening Thursday 17th Feb 7pm.
- ☺ St Patricks Day Thursday 17th March.
- ☺ Junior Syndicate Mass Wednesday 23rd March 9am.



If you have any concerns or worries about your child please come and see us first. Put a note in the notebook to arrange a time.

Topics to be covered this term.

Religious Education

Our School Charism
Introduction to Prayer
Ash Wednesday
Lent
God Strand
Holy Week

Physical Education

Ball Handling Skills
Education Outside the Classroom

Topic Study

Our School Rules
Class Behaviour Plan

Inquiry Learning

Who is in our Community?

Computers

Logging on
Opening programmes
Mouse control
Identify computer parts

Maori Language

Greetings / farewells
Response to greetings
Introduce yourself and others.
Maori sounds and letters
Community words.