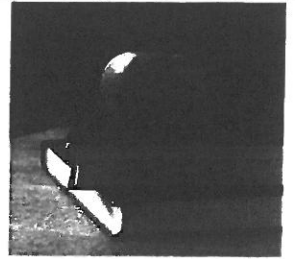


Talofa, Tena Koutou and Welcome to A2

Term 1 2012



It's good to be back and start the year with 20 happy, eager children ready for lots of opportunities to further their learning.

This term we will be covering the following topics:

R.E The Charism of Our School, Prayer/Karakia, Lent. God Strand and Holy Week.

Inquiry Learning School Rules, Class Treaty, Behaviour Plan, Who Am I?

The Arts Painting and print making. Singing and Playing beat & rhythm.

Physical Education Games, swimming (a note regarding this will come home soon)

Te Reo Maori Greetings, Farewells, responding to Greetings, sounds/letters, Community Words.

ICT Logging on/off , Opening Programmes, Mouse control, Parts of computer, Word 2010

Our library day is **Friday** so please ensure that your child has their library book back to school on or before **Friday** as they will be unable to be issued with a new book until their last week's book has been returned.

Homework:

Each night – Monday to Friday your child will have a reading book at their level to read and share at home with you. This book will have been used during that days guided instructional reading time and therefore should be easy for your child to work on independently, requiring little input from you. If your child is experiencing difficulties please let me know. It is **really** important to talk to your child about the story encouraging them to retell it in their own words and discussing not only simple recall facts of the story but encouraging your child to share their own opinions, such as what if? Or tell me more!

Please return the book bag to school each day with the notebook signed. When needed, I write notes or reminders in the notebook so this is an important way for you to keep updated with any events. At times there will be a home activity to be completed in the Religious Education folder.

Friday is also poem day so the weekend is just to share both the library book and poem.

Homework should only take 10 -15 mins a night and is an enjoyable experience for both children and their families so please enjoy these times and talk to me if you aren't enjoying it!!

Reminders

- Our school day **starts** at **8:45** and children need to be at school before this time in order to be organised and ready to start the day and greet their friends.
- **The bag bell** rings at **8:20** and this means your child is welcome to enter the classroom to prepare for the day. If they are earlier than this time we ask that they wait outside the Marist block and not on the playground as children are not

supervised and this will help to ensure their safety as there are more and older children in this area.

- Children need to be picked up promptly after school and the school grounds are cleared with a bell at **3:15pm**. Children are asked not to use the playground after school as there is no adult supervision.
 - Children who arrive at school before 8am need to be in the care of the Afcare Programme.
 - **School sunhats are compulsory for terms 1 & 4.** Please ensure your child has a **named hat**.
 - It is important to name all school uniform with your child's name then we can endeavour to return it if it goes missing.
 - **Please check your child's hair regularly** as headlice are not nice to share!
- Thanks!

If you have any concerns or questions concerning your child, please put a note in the notebook so we can arrange a suitable and convenient time to meet.

- It has been lovely to meet many parents/caregivers already and if I haven't met you so far I look forward to meeting you in the near future as it is important to work together to optimise your child's learning.

God Bless
Raewyn Williams (class teacher)

