

# YEAR 3 AND 4 SYNDICATE

## TERM 2 NEWSLETTER



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

### NAU MAI, WELCOME TO TERM 2 2015

It is hard to believe it is week 3 already – we have certainly had a busy start to the term. Rooms 6,7 and 8 now form our very own middle school team, which we are all enjoying. At the beginning of the term we welcomed Miss Kylie Brown as the teacher in Room 8. Unfortunately due to personal reasons she has resigned and we are delighted to say that Ms Helen Guthrie is taking over the reins. Helen is well known to children, staff and parents at the school due to her day to day relieving. While we will all miss Kylie, we know that Helen will do a great job to ensure a smooth transition. Welcome Helen!

**Home –School Partnerships:** Strong home-school partnerships are greatly valued at Tauriko School as they make a positive contribution to children’s learning. Communication is the key to positive partnerships so please keep in touch throughout the term. Pop in to the classes at any time, send us an email or leave a comment on our class blogs. We would also appreciate parent help with a variety of tasks within the classroom programme. If you are able to help us out in any way, please let us know as soon as possible. Thanks to those parents who have already offered help, if you haven’t and think you could help in some way please let us know. Sometimes help with cutting out resources at home suits parents who can’t make it into school.

**Home Learning:** this is an opportunity to support your child’s learning and help to develop life-long learning skills. Our main focus for home learning is on developing and consolidating foundation skills for literacy and numeracy, such as basic maths facts, spelling and reading each day.

Home Learning will consist of:

- Reading - 15 minutes daily reading. Please complete and sign the reading log.
- Spelling - 5 words each week either from their own writing, topic related word lists, or essential word lists they need to know. Sometimes there will be a focus on a group of words such as prefixes, suffixes or word families.
- Basic Facts – addition and subtraction basic facts are our current focus and the homework sheets outline the order that groups of facts should be learned. Instant recall of all addition and subtraction facts is our goal. Multiplication basic facts will follow.
- Mathletics – computers are available for use in the class, independently and as part of the maths programme.
- Classroom Blog – Students will be encouraged to share our classroom blogs at home and will also be asked to make a comment or prepare a post, which could be then published on the classroom blog. There will also be challenges relating to our Inquiry topics and other class work. It’s a great chance to see what sorts of things we have been getting up to.

### WEEKLY TIMETABLE

**DAILY** – fitness/ cross country training  
**TUESDAY** – school singing/ choir/ kapa haka  
**WEDNESDAY** –Recorder/ Marimba with Mrs. Denize  
**THURSDAY** – Team Sports in the afternoon  
**FRIDAY** – CCC weeks 3-9

### LIBRARY DAYS:

R6 – Tuesday  
R7 – Wednesday  
R8 – Tuesday

### TERM 2 TOPICS

**INQUIRY** –  
ANZAC Day – Lest We Forget  
Micro Inquiry  
Zero Waste –Reuse Inquiry/  
Technology  
Cultures and Festivals – Celebrate Good Times

**MATHS** – Addition and Subtraction, Problem-Solving, Fractions, Statistical Investigations and Number Knowledge

**ENGLISH** - Recounts, Explanations Narratives

**HEALTH AND P.E** – Fitness, Large Balls and Cross-country training

**THE ARTS** – Marimba/Recorder, making music and instruments, Visual Arts – Construction, Sketching

**LANGUAGES** – Te Reo Maori

***The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."***

***Dr. Seuss***

**Clothing:** With the change of seasons and changeable weather there is a need for layered clothing, which should be named. We need to work on developing habits of self-management around our clothing and other belongings.

**Start of the Day:** Although the bell rings at 8:30 we expect all children to be at school and prepared for learning before that time. There are jobs to be done and tasks to begin, even before the bell. We know there can be the odd occasion when you run late but to help our young learners we need to set them up with a successful start to the day. Thanks for your help around this.

**Cultures and Festivals:** Later this term we begin our Inquiry topic around cultures and festivals called Celebrate Good Times. As part of this study we will be learning about the cultures represented in our classes. If you have any particular strengths, ideas, resources or experiences we would love you to share them with us. We are also planning a school hangi and we will be looking for helpers. The Middle Team will have opportunities to participate in the lunchtime Chinese Friendship group.

Thanks for your on-going support as we work together to grow our young learners.

Kind Regards,

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Principal



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### WEEK 2

School Photos

##### WEEK 3

Zero Waste programme  
CCC begins

##### WEEK 4

CCC 2

##### WEEK 5

CCC 3

##### WEEK 6

Whole School Cross Country  
Waipuna Park 26<sup>th</sup> May  
TOD Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

##### WEEK 6

Queen's Birthday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
CCC 4

##### WEEK 8

CCC 5

##### WEEK 9

School Hangi  
CCC sharing Assembly

##### WEEK 11

Leadership Week  
Leadership Assembly  
Red Socks Day  
Term ends Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**WISH  
LIST**

#### NEEDED:

- Newspapers
- Any unwanted items that we can use for reusing or making musical instruments.
- buttons
- Icecream containers
- Boxes of tissues