

JUNIOR SCHOOL

TERM 1 NEWSLETTER



Monday 2nd February, 2015

WELCOME TO TERM 1 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the new school year. It is lovely to see some familiar faces back again and welcome all the new students and families to Tauriko School. We look forward to getting to know you all. We would like to say a huge welcome to Kelly Souter who has joined the junior syndicate and will be teaching in the Wee Sprouts. Our year will start with some fun-filled days getting to know each other and learning the routines that will set us up for the rest of the year. We have attached a student interest survey which we would love you and your child to participate in. We are really excited about the year ahead and are delighted to have the opportunity to work with your children. Check out the column to the right for information on the topics and events that we have planned to ensure that Term 1 is an exciting one!

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.

Home Learning: Homework will start coming home in week 3. The home learning your child will be expected to complete each week will be in their home learning book. We will send home more information in their home learning books by the beginning of Week 3. Each class will be looking for a parent to help with this once a week.

Library: We will also be looking for help during library time. This involves returning and issuing books as well as putting the returns away. If you are free to help during your child’s class time please let us know

Wee Sprouts: Friday (8.30 – 10.00)

Room 3: Friday (10.20 – 11.00)

Room 4: Friday (11.00 – 11.40)

Room 5: Tuesday (1.30 – 2.15)

Room 6: Monday (1.30 – 2.15)

Room 7: Wednesday (10.20 – 11.00)

Stationery: Please make sure you have all stationery properly named and at school by the end of this week so that we can start using it by the beginning of week 2.

Swimming: Swimming this term starts in Week 2 and we will be swimming most days. Swimming is an essential part of our curriculum and it is important that togs are brought everyday. If they are unable to swim please make sure you write a note for them to give to the classroom teacher. It is also really important that you name your child’s togs, towel and goggles.

Marimba and Recorder: This term we will resume our music lessons with Robyn Denize. These lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays (see School Notices for the timetable). From Year 3 all children learn recorder as well as marimba. If your child does not have a recorder, please purchase one in time for the commencement of the lessons by Week 2. Please do not purchase the cheap \$2 shop type recorders as these do not play the notes correctly. You can get the quality recorders from several music shops in town for approximately \$12.

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

DAILY - Swimming

THURSDAY - Recorder/Marimba

FRIDAY – 1:45pm - School Assembly



UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 1

WAITANGI DAY – Friday 6th February

WEEK 3

KIA KAHA PROGRAMME

WEEK 4

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LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS – 24th
and 26th February

WEEK 5

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS @ Greerton
Pool – Monday 2nd March

WEEK 7

YEAR 3 AND 4 CAMP (AONGATETE
LODGE) – 19th and 20th March

WEEK 9

MODERN LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS –
Community Meeting
GOOD FRIDAY – Friday 3rd April
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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

Dr. Seuss

Sunhats: To avoid the risk of sunburn, sunhats need to be worn by children during every break. Please make sure your child has a named hat at school. Any child not wearing a hat is required to play under the shade-cloth in the lunch area.

Parent Help: We would also love help in the following areas:

Cooking - This involves working with a small group once a week mainly in the Year 1 and 2 area (day and time dependent on timetable and what suits you!)

Reading - This involves reading to and listening to some of our children read who need extra reading mileage. It's fun to encourage a love of reading! Please let your child's teacher know if you can help us in any way. We do value input from parents and appreciate any help you can give.

Year 3 and 4 Bush Camp (Aongatete Lodge): This camp will be held on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March (Week 7). Planning for this is underway and more information about this will be sent home shortly.

Lost Property: We collect a lot of lost property at Tauriko School and lots of it is unnamed. **Please** name your child's clothing, shoes and hats so they can be returned to them if they are left somewhere in the school.

Kind Regards,

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Suzanne Billington
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WISH LIST

NEEDED:

- Newspapers and magazines
- Bigger sized t-shirts or work shirts to use when the students are painting.
- Ice-cream containers
- Boxes of tissues
- Egg Cartons