

Junior Syndicate Y1-4 Newsletter

Thursday 26 October 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Inquiry Topics

Bridges

This term our technology inquiry is looking at the question –What shapes make structures strong? Children will be engaged with the four stages of inquiry 1. Wonder 2. Know 3. Understand 4. So What? Over the term we will focus on our questions and understandings related to bridges. We will ask questions, research and find information, build our understanding through construction and experiences and then focus on what this means for us. If parents or grandparents have resources, skills or knowledge that they could share with us please let your class teacher know.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

At the beginning of the year we undertook a Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) unit. To reinforce some of the messages that were introduced we will be revisiting some of these lessons this term. This programme is a personal safety programme which has been developed in conjunction with the New Zealand Police and is at an appropriate level for young children. KOS has been designed to give children the skills to cope in a wide range of situations. “Knowing What to Do” will be taught by your child’s teacher. There may be some activities that the children bring home for you to discuss with them. It is important that you talk with your child about what they have been learning as this will reinforce the messages that we are giving at school and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence. We will also be continuing to work on the KIVA programme. This programme is a prevention and intervention programme for bullying.

Mathematics

As part of the measurement work in mathematics, children will be learning about weight, volume or length. Please could you support your child’s learning by taking opportunities to talk about measuring ie: cooking, shopping, putting petrol in the car, distances travelled.

Specialist Korero Maori Programme

During Term Four, the Year 1 and 2 children will work with Mrs Stefanidis developing their knowledge of Māori language. This programme starts in week 3.

Perceptual Motor Programme

Thank you for all the offers of parent help for the Year 1 and 2 PMP programme. We are running this programme every Tuesday. Children will need to wear comfortable clothes for movement and have shoes they can independently manage.

Sunhats/ Sunsafe

In Term Four, children are expected to wear a school sunhat every day. It is also useful to put a named roll of sunscreen in your child’s bag as we will remind them to put this on for outdoor events and at lunchtime. Please ensure your children are wearing suitable footwear and clothing so they can run and play in safely.

Swimming

Swimming will continue every Thursday for the remainder of the term. Children need to be wearing clothing that they can easily and independently change and shoes that slip on or are easy for them to independently fasten. Please have a small separately wrapped snack in the swimming bags to take to swimming. Parents are welcome to join us.

Rooms 7,8 and 9: Thursday 10 am (bus 9:30)

Rooms 4, 5 and 6: Thursday 11am (bus 10:30)

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) activities

Year 1 and 2 will visit Seatoun Beach on the first sunny afternoon during the week starting the 11 December.

Regards

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