

Junior Syndicate Y0- 2 Newsletter

Thursday 17 October 2024



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4, we hope you all had a restful break. We have been preparing for a very busy term.

Integrated Studies focus

The focus for our inquiry learning this term is an integrated focus on Social Science and Technology about on 'What makes a good game? We will also be focusing on how to be a good participant in a game. The children will participate in games and design and create their own games.

Across the term, we will be exploring celebrations: Diwali, Christmas, and our school Mihi Whakatau. Please refer to the Long term plan for more detailed information about topics covered this term.

Perceptual Motor Programme

We are excited to be once again running our Perceptual Motor-skills Programme (PMP) on **Tuesday** mornings. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help. We are still hoping for one or two more parents to volunteer to help. The children love this programme, which is designed to help children develop their fine and gross motor-skills through activities based on coordination, balance, locomotion and memory. Children need to wear comfortable clothes for movement and have shoes they can independently manage.

Sunhats and Jackets

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. It is also important to have a jacket at school every day.

Swimming

Swimming started well yesterday and will continue every **Wednesday** 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.

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) activities

At this stage Years 0, 1, and 2 are planning to visit Seatoun Beach on the first sunny morning during the week starting Monday **9 December**.

Transition to Year 3 Meeting

On **Thursday 5th December**, we will be running a meeting for parents of Year 2 students, to discuss some practical ways in which you can support your child in the transition from Year 2 to Year 3. There will also be an opportunity to have questions answered. This will be a short, 20 - 30 minute meeting - beginning at 3.00 pm in Room 1. Childcare for your children will be provided in Room 6.

Thank you for your support.

Ngā mihi nui,

Susan Kliffen, Helen Taylor, Ben Haddock, Bex Quinn, Peggy Bruce, Cath Colwill and Liz Irving