



Year 1 and 2 Junior School Parent Information

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Welcome back.

Integrated Studies for Term Two

Term 2's major focus is a social studies inquiry about "What is it like to be a kiwi?" Some of the key questions we will be investigating are:

- How are we different from other cultures?
- What are the signs and symbols that identify us as New Zealanders?

There will also be a focus during this unit on a range of aspects of Maori culture. The children will be rotating around different classes to learn about poi, waiata (song), rakau (stick games), waiata a-ringā (action songs), local history and harakeke raranga (flax weaving). The children will also be learning a basic mihi to be able to introduce themselves. We would welcome any parent who has expertise in any of these areas to support in our programmes.

Cross Country

We did start training last term for the cross country however we will be intensifying our programme for the first couple of weeks this term culminating in the School Cross Country on Tuesday 11 May. The Year 1 and 2 children will be running in the morning.

Perceptual Motor Skill programme

Thank you for all offers of parent help for the PMP programme. We are looking forward to this running every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

An introductory session for parents who are helping will be held on Friday from 8.20 - 8.45am.
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Goal Folders/x Files

Goal folder/X-files went home in the last week of term. Please could you ensure your child's folder and writing book has been returned to school.

Support Personnel

Sandra Petrove continues to provide one-on-one Reading Recovery Programmes for children and also work with a range of children across Rooms 4 and 5. Teacher Aide support is provided in Room 5 two mornings a week by Karen Millar and Persephone Georgiakakis, and in Room 4 by Katerina Samios. Gill Billingsly also teaches the Year 2 classes on Mondays so Miriam and Michelle can work intensively with individual children or small groups. As part of reducing ratios in the Year 1 classes, Rooms 6, 8 and 9 continue to group the children in a variety of ways for maths and literacy programmes. This ensures effective use of additional teaching personnel. Your child may have a different teacher other than their class teacher for these subjects. Susan Kliffen works in the maths and literacy programmes across the Year 1 classes and also across all Year 1 and 2 children in the afternoon programmes.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Susan Kliffen, Ann Vandendungen, Teresa Keeley, Michelle Pontifex, Miriam Gaynor, Rebecca Power, Louise Noble and Sandra Petrove