

# Room 5 Newsletter



## What's Happening?

- \* 04 Feb—School begins
- \* 06 Feb—Waitangi Day
- \* 11 Feb - Meet the Teacher evening
- \* 09-12 March—Year 5/6 Camp @ Rotorua
- \* 13 March—Local School swimming—Katikati
- \* 20 March—Northern Cluster swimming (for qualifiers)
- \* 09 April— Whole School Swimming sports @ Greerton Pools



## Topics...

As a Year 5/6 syndicate, we are doing an inquiry learning into Tourism in the Rotorua /Bay of Plenty area.

This links to our camp and our follow-up activities will explore different areas of tourism/learning.

Hi! Welcome to Room 5!

I look forward to an amazing year full of great learning experiences for both the children and myself!

For those who don't know me, this will be my 5th year of teaching at Omokoroa No' 1 School. I have been teaching in the Junior area with Year 1-2's, however I am excited to be taking on the challenge of teaching Year 5's.



## Need-to-know information

General House-keeping—The first few things we will be doing in class are setting rules, expectations, goals and team-building. I have high expectations of the children in all these areas. Simple things like having a tidy desk, bag area and taking care of own, class or school property, being kind and helpful all leads to a special and successful class.

Swimming— will be as regular as possible this term, so togs/towel are expected everyday (even when it's wet!). This is a compulsory physical education component and unless your child has a note from home, they need to be 100% committed.

Notebooks—once we are settled, your child will bring home a notebook with spelling/times tables. This is expected to be signed each night and returned each day for checking. This also doubles as a communication notebook for you to write any issues, notes etc in for me to see. In addition to the notebook, your child will have a home learning/reading book. This will have weekly activities in it for them to complete. This is to be returned each Friday.

Library— Our library day is on Wednesday. Children are encouraged to use the library at other times too.

Mathletics— This is strongly encouraged to be continued. The cost will be \$30 per student. It is a worthwhile and exciting website to improve your child's maths knowledge and strategies.

Camp—The Year 5/6 camp will be held from the 9-12th March at Keswick Christian Camp in Rotorua. More details to follow.

The Heat! - Your child is encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school, to be refilled at morning tea/lunch. Because our bag bay is so close, drink bottles can stay in bags, until needed.



Houses—As some of you may be aware, house groups are being 'revamped', to make each class even in house groups. This allows us to evenly split groups for rewards, sports, general activities.

Parent Help—Parent help is appreciated by all teachers. Attached is a parent help form. If you can help out with testing/making resources/general helping, please fill in and return to me by the end of Week 3 (20th Feb).

Website— Check out our class on [www.omokoroa.school.nz](http://www.omokoroa.school.nz), use the Room 5 link to see what's happening, publishing, photos, slideshows...the possibilities are endless!

Meet the teacher evening—Wednesday 11th Feb, 6.00-6.30pm & 6.30-7.00pm.

Any questions, don't hesitate to see me!

Leanne Sarjant

# Parent Help

If you are able to help out with Parent Help this term, please fill in the form below and return it to me by the end of Week 3 (20th Feb).

Please circle your preferred day and amount.

Also please write down any other classes that you are helping with (so we can co-ordinate).

The amount of parent help will affect how often you will be time-tabled.

If you can't help, there will always be other opportunities to put your 'hands up!' eg: sports camps, trips...

**Preferred Day:** Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday

Weekly / Fortnightly

**Other classes to work with:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_