

Room 9 Omokoroa No.1 School

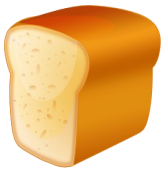
Term 3 2010 Newsletter

Topics to be studied during the term

Skoolstars Show



Bread Making (Science)



Life Education Van (Health)



Maori Legends **Mapping Skills** (Social Studies)



Welcome back to another busy term ahead. I hope you all enjoyed your holidays and the children are well rested. I would like to welcome to Room 9, Melanie Rickard a third year student teacher from Bethlehem Institute, who is with us for 6 weeks, as well as Michael, Hugo, Jacob, Parker and Macy who have transferred from Room 8. We were sad to see Bailey leave to go to Room 11 last term.

Once again I would like to continue the focus of last term- extending our literacy and numeracy and continuing to reinforce positive classroom routines. Rate Your Day will be starting back Week 1.

Please feel free to come and have a chat with me anytime. Below are some things you might find helpful about the class.

Settling In Before School

Your child will be expected to be responsible for all their belongings and be ready to start the day (pencils sharpened, books away, books ruled up and ready to start etc)

Library Books

Library Day is **Tuesday**. Your child is allowed their books for two weeks; however they can bring them back earlier and have them changed at library time. Some children need to work on borrowing more books this term.

News

News will continue to only be on a **Monday**. I would like to continue my focus on literacy on the other days. I do encourage parents to e-mail through photos etc to be shared with the class at this time. News will only be on other days if I have been contacted earlier.



Homework

Home Reading

Daily your child will record the title of their book in their notebook. Please feel free to write comments in the book.

This term I really want them to focus on increasing their speed and fluency when reading. It is also important for you to model reading. Say to your child "Listen to how I read and see if you can try it like that" or "Let's read this page together."

Maths Basic Facts /Spelling Testing

I want this to be a main focus for your child this term. Consequently, along with spelling your child will also have basic facts testing every week. Only the spelling will be tested at school.



Please try to get your child to solve the problems using the strategies outlined on the sheet. Please see me if you require clarification of the strategies. Please make sure your child has this book back at school by Friday. It is always great to see a variety of ways the children learn their words.

Some children will be learning their times tables this term. These will be in their home reading notebook. We will also have a focus on Mathletics. Your child's progress will be checked on Monday and recorded. They can earn house points for completing Mathletics each week.

Speeches

It is a requirement for all Year 3 children to present a 2.5 - 3 minute speech to the class on a topic of their choice. I will send home some information about writing and performing speeches. Writing the speech is easier done at home. Please work with your child so the speech is in language they feel comfortable presenting to the class. The Year 2 children will perform a poem to the class as in previous years.

Middle School Sport

This is on Friday. It would be appreciated if your child could wear appropriate footwear on this day.

Stationery

Please check with your child they have what they need. Some children don't seem to have a 30cm ruler, a sketching pencil and a ring binder. Please ensure they are at school as soon as possible.

I would like the 5 new children to the class to please purchase a notebook to record their home reading in.

Thank you

Parent Help Roster

Thank you so much to all my wonderful parent help last term I would like to start this next week. If you are able to assist could you please fill out the attached form and send it back to school by Thursday.

Upcoming Events

- Skoolstars Recording Monday 26th July
- National Poetry Day 30th July
- Skoolstars Show Premiere for Parents Tuesday 10th 7pm
- Week 4 Visit to New World Bakery
- School Photos Aug 20th
- Speech Semi-finals 23rd
- 25 Life Education Van arrives
- School Speech Finals 31st
- Fathers Day Sept 5th

Class Communication

It has been wonderful having parents e-mail and respond to the web page. If your e-mail address changes, please let me know as soon as possible. If you would like to contact me, you can e-mail me.

room9@omokoroa.school.nz

Please remember to check out the school web page at

www.omokoroa.school.nz

Have a great term

Kind Regards

Sharon Herder and Melanie Rickard



