

Rakaia School
Whanau Newsletter
Week 3, Term 4
2019



Welcome to Team
Whanau
Room 7 & 8
Years 3 and 4
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The term has certainly flown by. Week 3 already and remember it is only a 9-week term. Add to this a couple of public holidays and a swim week and there is not much of the term left. It was a shame that Pet Day was cancelled and then Athletics Sports took a few days to finish off. Thanks to all parents who volunteered to assist us with this.

Maths:

For this term, we have had a focus on fractions and measurement. We have started by seeing which classroom objects can be divided in half or quarter and reminding the children that it must be in equal parts. We are continuing to test children with their basic facts bricks and are seeing some making great progress with their bricks. We have also looked at time and the children have been learning what the different hands mean.

Reading and Writing

We have continued with the Literacy Menu for this term and so far the children have researched and read about The Rugby World Cup and Athletics. This week the theme is New Zealand. For writing some groups are looking at the use of adjectives and verbs to enhance interest in their writing.

I.P.C

Our I.P.C topic is "Material World" and we are looking at different materials and their properties. Later on this term we will be taking household appliances apart and seeing what they are made of. We currently have a dishwasher, battery charger, a beater and a heater. The battery charger and heater no longer work courtesy of a curious 6-month-old puppy!! If you have any household items that the children can pull apart could you please cut the cord of them and bring them to the classroom thanks.

Swim Week

Next week is Team Whanau swim week. Can you please ensure that all children bring their togs and towels. We will be leaving school at 12 pm and will be on a different break timetable to the other children in the school.

Cup Day

On Cup day, Tuesday the 12th of November this year, teachers will be dressing up for a fashion parade at lunchtime. Students will choose the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters.

We are inviting the students to come to school in a fancy hat!! The bigger, brighter, the better!!

Important dates:

- Cup race day, 12th November. (Fancy hat day for students, fashion parade for teachers)
- Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day 14th of November. School will be close to children.
- Whanau assembly 22 November 2:15 (only one for the term)
- Prize Giving 12 December
- Last day of the term 12 December
- **First day of 2020 Monday 3rd February.**

Contact

We are both available should you wish to contact us during business hours. We often have meetings so a little bit of notice would be appreciated.

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