

Rakaia School
Whanau Newsletter
Week 7, Term 2
2019



Welcome to Team
Whanau
Room 7 & 8
Years 3 and 4
Teachers:
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Stapleton

It is hard to believe that we are over half-way through the term, seems funny that teachers are discussing ideas for Term 3.

Maths:

Our focus this term has been on addition and subtraction strategies and number knowledge. Fridays are when we have been having fun with learning how to problem solve with math word problems. We will move into Geometry and Measurement in the last 2 weeks of term.

Some students are having instruction, in addition to their normal programme to help accelerate their progress. If your child is part of this programme, please feel free to discuss the program with them or myself. The children are also able to be tested on their basic facts bricks. Mathletics is still available but unfortunately very few are taking advantage of this. The school pays for Mathletics so it is important that all the children take advantage of this. We encourage them to try and gain 1,000 points per week. Please, can you encourage your children to use this valuable resource.

Reading:

Children work on their Daily Fives throughout the term and in the last few weeks the children have been given the opportunity to choose their own Daily Five activities to allow them some personal choice and to take responsibility for their own learning.

It is expected that children are to bring home at least 3 - 4 stories per week. This can vary, depending on the week if the teacher is using an alternative programme.

Swim Week

The Whanau children enjoyed the opportunity to participate in swimming at the EA Networks Centre in Ashburton. We were very impressed with the attitude that the children showed. A great display of the school values.

IPC

The museum is still on display in Whanau 7 and will remain so until the end of the term. Feel free to come and visit, we are very proud of this.

Remember our theme is 'Inventions that changed the world'. The children have been researching different inventions, with a particular focus on everyday use inventions recently. The focus will soon change, with science being an area of interest. We are still to confirm our idea for the Exit Point, but if you have access to an older car (the older the better), could you please get in contact with either Jill or Shane.

Writing:

This term we have had one group with a major focus on the writing process and ensuring that students are aware of their purpose and audience for writing and ensuring that they not only plan but organise their ideas and how they will sequence them. Another group has been working on understanding the importance of parts of an information report. In recent times they have started to brainstorm ideas for a link with their IPC research.

Uniforms:

Can parents please ensure that all of their children's uniform are named, so that it is easier for us to match clothing to children and reduce the amount of lost property around the school. Thank you.

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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Jill, Shane and Simone

IMPORTANT DATES - (Please keep watch on the school calendar for any other important dates)

Thursday 20th June Soup and Kahoot night

Friday 5th July End of term