

Team Five Newsletter

Term two 2011

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
It is hard to believe we are already well into term two. This is an eleven week term with many objectives in place for the student's learning.

Our soccer teams have achieved exceedingly well this term, with our year 7 boys team coming fourth in the Eastern Zone Tournament. Our year 8 girls team was undefeated in the Eastern Zone tournament going on to earn the prestigious position of fourth place in the Auckland Championships Soccer Tournament. Thanks to Mr Renata for his coaching and help, and to all the parents who have helped with transport and support for the four tournaments.

Our major topic this term is Science – “The Physical World”. The context for our study is “Solar Energy”, but we are also covering the various forms of energy produced in New Zealand.

In written language the students will be learning how to write a persuasive text, and this will lead to speech writing and delivery later in the term.

Later in the term, all the students in Team 4 and 5 will be involved in a 2 week trial of the maths computer programme, Mathletics. Your child will probably want to work on challenges set by their maths teacher at home. We appreciate your support in allowing a little extra computer time at home for that two weeks. You will be notified of the dates.

Uniform

We have noticed that the boys are losing buttons off their shirts following lunchtime play. We ask all students to wear their sports shirts, or an old t-shirt when playing on the field. Please remind your child to put this in his/her bag.

Homework – please check your child's homework each week. It is a good opportunity to chat about what is being learnt at school and

how he/she is feeling about school life in general. We encourage regular reading of the newspaper and the listening to and watching of the news. There is always something that promotes interesting discussion around the dinner table.

Camp

The dates are set for camp this year. Team 5 will be on camp from Tuesday 22nd November to Friday 25th November. Next week we will make decisions on the camp programme and set a tentative cost for students. Our camp is always the highlight of the year and we don't like any child to miss out on such a wonderful experience. A letter will be sent home soon giving more details. We encourage a regular amount to be paid weekly and this eases the burden of cost.

Team 5 Promotional Evening

On Thursday next week we are holding our information evening for the students in Team 4 and their parents. The School Leaders and some other students will be representing Team 5 and speaking on the night.

Secondary School

If you are considering sending your child to an out of zone Secondary School, we advise you to apply for more than one, and to begin your applications now. This must be done yourself by contacting the relevant school.

Later in the term we will be having Parent/Teacher Interviews at which you will receive your child's mid year report. We would like to encourage all parents to attend these interviews and discuss the strengths and needs of your children.

With winter upon us, the changing weather can bring colds and infections. Please keep your child at home if he/she is unwell, and ensure that a regular bed time is adhered to. We feel that 9pm is reasonable for children who are growing rapidly and physically active during the day.

Regards

Sandy Simpson

On behalf of the Teachers in Team 5