



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Term Three has started well. It is good to be back and hopefully the weather will be kind to us. We welcome Mrs Leah Nairn into our team and she is teaching in Room 23 and a warm welcome to our new families in our team.

Here is an overview of the topics we will cover this term:

Mathematics: Alongside our Number strand (working with the 4 number operations eg. write and solve problems which involve whole numbers using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) we will be learning about measurement. The specific focus will be time.

The children will be learning to read and know the units of time e.g. minute, hour, day, week, month and year

English – Reminder - your child should be reading at home. They will also have spelling words to learn each week.

We have a parent information meeting coming up so look out for notices about the Literacy meeting on the 8th of September.

- Our Term theme is 'Life on Earth' and we have started this with a Science focus studying Slugs and Snails. We have planned a trip to the Auckland Botanic Gardens (Manurewa) in Week 4. Watch out for the trip notice coming out soon. The cost will be \$6.50 per child.

Later in the term -

We will move into a Science/enviro/technology focus and will be participating in our Ellerslie School Flower Show.

- **Physical Education –** The focus this term is on ball skills and then we move to walking and running skills and Te Reo Kori.
- **Music** continues to be taken by Mrs Ewa Kus, our music specialist and a large number of our children are in the junior choir and orchestras. There will be a music extravaganza performance in the last week of term.
- **The Rugby World Cup –** All classes have adopted a second team. Room 20 = England, Room 21 = Georgia, Room 22= Namibia, Room 23 = Scotland and Room 24 = Fiji. We will celebrate with a parade supporting our team in the last week of term.



Homework – This term sees the start of homework sheets for the Year 3 children. All children in Team 3 now get a weekly homework sheet. This is alongside their reading, spelling and learning their times tables. Please ensure that you sign their work.

School Uniform – It is the winter term and the children are able to wear navy track pants. A plea from the teachers – correct uniform please. We have a school rule that only shorts are to be worn on the field. Please check that your child's clothing is named as we seem to collect a mountain of un-named items each term.



Can you provide your child's class with a box of tissues? It is the season for coughs, colds and sneezes and if you are able to provide your child's class with a box of tissues – it is greatly appreciated. If your child is sick – please keep them at home until well.

Room 22 is also looking for: clean ice cream containers, shoe boxes and old neck ties.

Some upcoming events for Team 3:

- ARTerslie – some of our student's artwork will be on display at the Masonic Hall – this Thurs/ Friday, 11 and 12 August.
- Wednesday 24 August – Rooms 20, 22 & 24 go to the Botanic Gardens
- Thursday 25 August – Rooms 21 & 23 go to the Botanic Gardens
- Eilerslie School Flower Show – 22 & 23 September
- Music Extravaganza Tuesday 4 October
- Rugby World Cup Parade Wednesday 5 October

On behalf of the Team Three teachers

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