

5 February 2010



Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Welcome to team 1 in 2010! We trust you had a great holiday break with your family and hope you have an enjoyable year with us. We have an exciting year planned and look forward to sharing it with you and your children.

Our teachers are: Room 1 - Fiona Yamamoto and Gill Ramsbottom  
Room 2 - Fiona Bilsborough  
Room 3 - Raewyn Singleton  
Room 6 - Christine Mardell  
ESOL - Michelle Ramsdale  
Reading Recovery and Team Leader - Jenny Wenlock

**REMINDER - Parent Information evening - Tuesday 16 February at 6pm.**

Our Unit Study begins with learning all about summer. We start each term off with the new season. Following this will be a health topic about relationships with other people. They will be learning to work co-operatively in groups and how to express their own ideas and how to listen to others. We will also be learning how to cross the road safely at a pedestrian crossing. Our next unit will be a Social Sciences one. The children will learn about their role within their family and the school. The different cultures within their classes will also be discussed, with particular focus on The Pacific. The pupils will attend a cultural performance here at school on 18 March.

You will already be aware that your child has swimming at the Panmure Pools starting next Friday for 5 weeks. **Please remember to mark ALL clothing clearly with your child's name.** This makes life so much easier for everyone and ensures that your child brings all his/her items home. If you are able to get down to the pool to assist with dressing the children after their lesson, please talk to your child's teacher. We need plenty of helpers as we only have 15 minutes to get the children dressed before they go back to school on the bus!

PTO

Please remember that the first bell rings at 8.30 am and no child is allowed in the classroom prior to this. If you come in with your child, please wait behind the yellow line adjacent to the library for this bell to ring before entering the classroom.

We encourage the pupils to bring a healthy lunch consisting of sandwiches and fruit. Please keep sweet treats for the afternoons or weekends. **NO YOGHURT PLEASE!** It is too messy for school. Many children have allergies and are on special diets so we'd prefer it if birthday parties are held at home. For the sake of our many pupils with nut allergies, we ask that you **do not send any food containing nuts** in your child's lunch box.

Children are expected to wear the correct uniform every day. A blue hat is part of it and needs to be worn daily. Children without hats will be sent to sit in the shade during break times. We always encourage a tidy uniform, and neat hair is part of it. Keep coloured hair accessories, hair gel, nail polish and jewellery for at home. Blue hair bands and white socks are correct. Please make sure that your child's hat and lunch box are clearly marked with their name and room number.

Please check the book bag each evening and listen to your child read. It is important to read all notices and then clear out the book bag, leaving only the necessary books to be returned the next day.

Classrooms always need tissues, so if you have a spare box at home, it will be gratefully accepted by your child's teacher.

Thank you for assisting us to have a smooth start to the year. If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's teacher or to me.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Wenlock (on behalf of all Team 1 teachers)

