



Team Two Newsletter

Dear Parents and Care givers

Welcome back for Term Three. No doubt it will be another wet term but our classrooms are lovely and warm. Isn't it strange how often it rains at 3pm as the bell goes!

The focus of learning in Term Three is about being curious and finding out. The unit title is Changes. The life long skill that the children will be developing is to know what questions to ask that will direct them to the knowledge. So much information surrounds us in today's world that we can be overloaded. Making sense of it all requires intelligent questioning. For our young children this starts with listening to the ideas of others, sharing our ideas and wondering. We will foster this with learning experiences that allow children to make predictions and investigate changes. In Science this will revolve around chemical and material changes as well as exploring some observable changes caused by the sun and moon.

Later in the term the children will be presenting an item in the school variety show. At this stage we envisage the children being dressed as pukeko. When we are further down the planning track we will let you know for sure, however, don't throw out any t-shirts or leggings that are the appropriate colours.

In preparation for our own variety show performance we have Old McDonald being performed at school on July 28. This is an opportunity to experience drama at a reasonable cost (\$3.50) and builds motivation to be on stage ourselves. You will have received a notice about this.

There is no trip planned for this term because we are aware of the cost of all the extra activities we have enjoyed this year. We are considering a team trip in Term Four and would welcome an email or note in the homework book if you are particularly keen or against this. We are happy to go by majority opinion.

Last term it was exciting to see how much the children progressed during their tennis lessons. John made it achievable for everyone and the children loved it. This term we move to hockey and that starts next Wednesday for our team.

Class library days continue to be on Thursdays however the children are also encouraged to exchange books before school and at lunch time. Certificates are given at assembly for classes who have no overdue books.

By now all families should have received parent/teacher discussion forms. These have been given out to children who are the oldest or only child at school. Although the time slot is only short please know that we are easy to reach by email any time of year. We believe the interaction between home and school is an important part of children's development.

Sincerely

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