

# Team Four

## Term 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the final term of 2011. We have another busy and exciting term ahead of us.

Our theme for Term 4 is "Making a Difference". Team 4 is going to start making a difference to their school environment. This involves planning a garden and learning about how to attract insects and birds. We want to start a project that we can hand on to next year's Year 4 group. Part of this will involve the children learning about guardianship (kaitiaki). Our zoo trip will focus on environmental requirements of animals (particularly native).

Our Science, Technology and Language topics are all connected to the above theme. For Maths, we will be revising and continuing to build on knowledge and strategies for number, plus covering aspects of geometry, measurement and statistics. Physical Education will involve skills in athletics and swimming. For Kwisport this term the children will be learning squash skills.

### Coming Events

Zoo Trip (details to come)	November 15th
School Athletics	November 18th
School Poetry Competition	December 2nd
Team 4 Fun Day	December 12th

### Reminders

Even though the end of the year is fast approaching a basic set of equipment is necessary to complete school work. Please ask your child if they have the following:

- Pencils
- Red pen
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Refill paper
- Colouring pencils or felt pens

### Homework:

A Term 4 homework sheet will be sent home on **Friday each week.**

**Completed work is to brought to school the following Thursday.** Reading each night and Basic Facts remain core activities. **A sheet of essential words will also be sent home. One of the requirements of the National Standards in Writing is that by the end of Year 4 children can spell all words at least up to list 4 and some of lists 5 to 8. If there are any gaps these words need to be learnt.**

### **Hats:**

Summer is approaching and all children should have hats at school to wear.

**Swimming:** There will be class times allotted to each class to have lessons in the school pool later in Term 4.

### Regards

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