Team 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

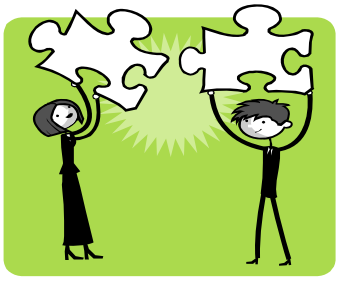
We wish to welcome everyone back to school, and we trust that you all had a safe and relaxing holiday with your children. A special welcome to all new children to Team 5! This year our team consists of 3 classes. We have many exciting and varied programmes planned for the coming year!

Team 5 Classroom Organisation

Room 16	Year 5	Miss Ivana Krtolica
Room 17	Year 5	Mrs Michaela Nicol (Team Leader)
Room 18	Year 5	Mrs Lynley Spanhake

At this time of the year teachers are establishing routines, setting standards and encouraging independent work habits. During the year we strive to ensure that your child is happy and stimulated within the classroom. To achieve this we hope to create a hard working, supportive environment for the class to work in. Independence and responsibility will be stressed at all times. Children will be expected to use initiative in their structured work, class routines, duties and general conduct, both inside and outside the classroom. You can support your child by encouraging them to be responsible for themselves e.g. organising time for them to complete their homework.

Term 1 Theme: "My Voice Is Powerful"



This term our major curriculum health focus will be investigating how we can empower ourselves to be the best we can while working together with others! This integrated unit will focus on all four Health and Physical Education curriculum strands with a major Social Studies focus.

Literacy

This term our focus is recount writing. Students will continue to develop their knowledge of the features and structure of recounts while applying these in their writing.

Numeracy

This term our Advanced Numeracy Programme will continue to teach and revise Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division and Proportions and Ratios knowledge and strategies. It is important that your child continues to practise their basic facts for homework, as speed and accuracy will support this programme at school. This term our strand focuses are Statistical Investigations and Measurement.

Physical Education-Swimming Programme

As part of our swimming programme for 2010 we have been able to secure the expertise of the qualified swimming instructors from Swimsation. Their swimming lessons are aimed at all age groups and abilities and each lesson is tailored to the swimmer's individual needs with a strong focus on water safety and fun. Structured lessons are based on ability levels after an initial assessment of student's swimming ability. As the children achieve the goals required for them to learn the life skill of swimming, Swimsation will provide all children with a certificate. These certificates have been designed to ensure you as parents are kept up to date with your child's progress.

We would like to offer the opportunity for your child to receive swimming instruction once a week in the Swimsation Schools 8 week Programme. An additional lesson to support this programme will be taken during the week by the classroom teacher. By providing one lesson a week with a qualified instructor and one with the classroom teacher we feel this would provide a balanced programme that caters for your child's individual needs. We feel it is important to give our students the opportunity to learn the life skill of swimming especially while living in a coastal community.

Many of our families have already paid for these lessons at the end of 2009. We strongly encourage all parents if they have not done so already to enrol your child. The cost for 8 lessons is $28.00 per student, payable before the first lesson on Wednesday 10th February. Please put money in a named envelope and forward to the classroom teacher. Students will be involved in their class swimming programme. Each class has two swimming sessions booked per week. Swimsation instructors will take lessons for Team 5 children every Wednesday and our class lessons will be on Thursday. We recommend that students wear a swimming cap that they can put on independently.

Thinking Skills

Infusion of thinking will be integrated through all curriculum areas.

Parent Information Evening

On **Thursday 11 February** from **7-00 pm to 7-40 pm** our team will be meeting in the **ICT Suite** to give you information about the year ahead. We strongly recommend that you come along as this is an excellent opportunity for us to give you information about our team programmes, outdoor education organisation and our expectations of your children. Please note this important date on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there.

Parent/Teacher Communication

We feel it is important to have effective communication between home and school. Often concerns can be discussed and solved very effectively if you make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher in the first instance, and if necessary refer unresolved issues to Mrs Nicol. We value any feedback regarding your child.

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Stationery

Children need to take responsibility for the care of their own property so we strongly encourage them to name their stationery. We would really appreciate it if you could endeavour to cover your child's exercise books, as this strengthens the covers and helps to keep each book in good condition.

Homework

All children in the team will be given homework to take home on Friday afternoons. If children would like feedback on their work they need to bring it back completed by the following Thursday. An information sheet with guidelines will be glued into the front of your child's homework book. Could you please read these guidelines as they may help to clarify any queries you may have with regards to the programme. This programme will start at the end of Week 2.

Timetables

Every Monday children in Team 5 will visit the school library. Could you please encourage your child to pack their library books that morning so that they can re-new or return them. Please remember that children are still able to change / renew books outside these times.

Outdoor Education

At the end of last year your child was sent home with a newsletter regarding the dates and activities for our outdoor education programme. This programme has been scheduled for Wednesday 3 March– 5 Friday March. The cost for all three activities with transport included is $62.00. Please put money in a named envelope and forward to your child's classroom teacher.
It will run as follows:

Wednesday: Rangitoto Island Trip
Thursday: Auckland City- Skytower Trip
Friday: Tree Adventures at Woodhill Forest

The Outdoor Education programme offers children the opportunity to experience a variety of outdoor activities that they may not normally experience. However, in order for this programme to take place we require a large amount of parental assistance and reasonable weather. Thank you for supporting your child in this most valuable learning experience.

If you have any concerns or queries about anything in this newsletter or anything regarding your child, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Again welcome to 2010, and we look forward to working with you and your child throughout the year.

Kind Regards Team 5 Teachers

Team 5 Outdoor Education

I give permission for _____ Room_____ to participate in the

Wednesday 3 March Rangitoto Island Trip
Yes / No
All children NEED to be at school on this day NO LATER than 8am. We will be leaving school by bus to the Devonport ferry terminal to catch the 9:25 crossing.

Thursday 5 March Auckland City Skytower Trip
Yes / No

Friday 6 March Tree Adventures at Woodhill Forest
Yes / No

Please note any medical conditions and or medication your child takes, that you feel we need to be aware of:

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Signed _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Parent Helpers

Day	Activity	Time	Availability
Wednesday 3 March	Rangitoto Island Trip	8:00am-3:00pm	**Yes** **No**
Thursday 4 March	Auckland Skytower Trip & city scavenger hunt	All Day	**Yes** **No**
Friday 5 March	Tree Adventures At Woodhill Forest	All Day	**Yes** **No**

As a parent help if you have any medical conditions that we need to be aware of please let the appropriate teacher know. All disclosures will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Name _____

Signed _____ Phone Number _____