

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. The students took part in many extracurricular activities in Term 3 such as the KiwiSport programme Kiwikick, as well as participating in Dance lessons. The children were tutored in a variety of dance styles with Professional Dancers Jonny Williams and Kristie Boyd, from Limelight Dance Studio. The build up to the Rugby World Cup and the tournament created much excitement and interest amongst our children and the Glamorgan School staff! Needless to say we are extremely proud of our All Blacks! To finish off a fabulous term we had Book Week. One of the highlights of that week was the book character parade with not only the students but teachers as well dressing up as a book character. There were many marvellous sights. It certainly was a busy and active term!



Term 4 Theme: "Making A Difference"

This term our major curriculum technology theme is "Making a Difference". Children will explore how they can make a difference in our world through an authentic context. Student's will develop their understanding of a technology brief and make decisions for the final outcome. It will provide excellent opportunities for students to expand their ideas and to investigate innovative solutions to practical problems. Ask your child about their classroom's chosen context!

Literacy

This term our main focus is analysing and writing a variety of poems as well as all children being involved in a poetry recital competition. The children will practice and recite a poem of their choice, developing appropriate speaking skills. Students will continue to revise and develop their knowledge of the features of different writing structures including narrative, report, argument, recount, and description. As part of our home school partnership we strongly encourage you to look for opportunities for purposeful writing at home, as well as ensuring your child reads a wide range of fiction and nonfiction texts on a regular basis.

Poetry Recital Competition

All children in Team 5 will be participating in a class poetry recital competition. Your child will be given a date that they will be presenting their chosen poem to the class. You will receive in your child's homework book an information sheet which outlines requirements and expectations. If your child needs some assistance with selecting an appropriate poem please inform your child's classroom teacher. Winners from our syndicate competition will then progress through to the school poetry finals. The date for the school final is Friday morning 2nd December.

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 **Measurement and Geometry**: Position and Orientation (Mapping skills), Transformations (Symmetry), Time & Temperature, **Statistical Thinking**: Probability & Investigation.

Physical Education

As part of the KiwiSport initiative our students will take part in a 6 week Kiwisquash programme. Our team topic is called Run, Jump, and Throw. This unit is based on Athletics New Zealand's concept of athletics which has been modified to suit this age group of children. Its focus is on correct fundamental athletics skill development in a progressive, fun and participative environment.



School Athletics

This school-wide event is scheduled for Friday 18th November. We are currently providing a skill based programme during our sport and P.E sessions, giving students an opportunity to take part in athletic events.

Swimming Lesson for 2012

Just a reminder that we have booked the instructors from Swimsation for next year. They will take 2 lessons per week per class so that the 8 lessons are in the first 4 full weeks of school and we therefore utilise the warmer weather at the start of the term. The cost of the lessons would be \$40 per child for 8 x 30min lessons. Children who do not receive the paid lessons will still have lessons in the pool with their class teacher or another teacher in the team. We still feel it is important to give our students the opportunity to learn the life skill of swimming especially while living in a coastal community. We will collect payments from now on until the end of the year. Please put money in a named envelope and forward to the classroom teacher.



Team 5 Diploma Ceremony

We would like to invite you to our Team Five Diploma Ceremony and celebrations on Tuesday 13th December. We are planning on having a shared lunch together, followed by games on the field and a swim in the school pool. An invitation to all families will be sent home closer to the event, with more specific details and information regarding times. We hope that you are able to attend and join in the fun and festivities.

We have all had a most enjoyable year working with your children and we are all looking forward to a happy and productive term. 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.

Kind Regards

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