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- Maori consultation



23rd July 2009

Week 1 Term 3

Kia Ora,

Welcome to the first newsletter of term 3. The holidays were fantastic and a great chance for the children (and teachers) to recharge their batteries.

I had upset parents on Monday pleading with me to extend the holidays so that they could stay inside with their children on those rainy days just that little longer!
I am currently teaching in Room 6 and it was great to hear the many stories and adventures the children got up to.

This term we welcome Mrs. Cutler and Mrs. Hodgson to the teaching team. They will be team teaching in Room 3 with Mrs. Robinson taking over in Room 6.

We also see Mrs. Paton and Mrs. Pepper back on board full time with Mrs. Paton taking up residence in the small room joining the library. Room 1 has been split again to cater for the new entrant enrolments that will be up to 28 by the end of the year.

A big **Thankyou**

to all the staff for their efforts over the break. This term is going to be very busy and focused due to the well planned and prepared staff we have here at Pompallier Catholic School.
The classrooms look great, bright and welcoming for our children to enter into after their holidays.

Term 3 Learning

Religious Education

All classes are first looking into Prayer and the ways we celebrate traditional and devotional prayer at school, at mass and at home. We then move into the strand CHURCH for 4 weeks and then the SACRAMENTS for the rest of the term.

Inquiry Focus Term

This term sees the whole school focusing on the theme '**GOD is our Provider**'. This is a science based term with experiments and projects being carried out in class. This comes from the New Zealand curriculum

Investigating in science

- Carry out science investigations using a variety of approaches: classifying and identifying, pattern seeking, exploring, investigating models, fair testing, making things, or developing systems.

Communicating in science

- Develop knowledge of the vocabulary, numeric and symbol systems, and conventions of science and use this knowledge to communicate about their own and others' ideas.

Participating and contributing

- Bring a scientific perspective to decisions and actions as appropriate.

For the seniors this means looking into '**Sustainability**' and what we can do to look after our world.

Room 4 are focusing on Reduce, Recycle Reuse, Room 5 are creating a worm farm, Room 6 are putting together a compost bin and Room 7 are looking at the amount of water we use and waste.

The juniors are looking into the bush and the many gifts that it gives us. What bird and animal life do forests maintain? Traditional Maori use of the forest will be looked into with an emphasis on Tane Mahuta as a role model for our lives today.

Health and Physical Education

This term sees 'x-country' being the focus with all children having to get on their runners and train at least 4 times a week. Juniors will run around the field and tennis courts and seniors around the block. There will also be the chance for those really keen to run further distances at lunchtime.
'Community helpers' will be the health topic with classes looking into who helps us in the community. Visitors will be asked in like St John Ambulance service, Fire service and the Police. Civil Defence will also be touched on in regards what it does and will mean if we need to use it.

Numeracy

Staff are continuing with teaching of Number knowledge and strategies and this term sees all the classes looking into Statistics. Basic facts will continue in all classes.

Literacy

Focused reading in all classes continues and the writing genre for the whole school is Persuasive Writing. Weekly spelling continues and testing on Friday. Speeches will also be a focus this term.

Maori

Basic Te Reo is expected to be developed at all levels in the school with concepts and ideas about Maori culture being integrated into all aspects of the school curriculum.

School Calendar

Please note that included in this newsletter is the term calendar. Please remember that the school tries to keep a close to this as possible. If any changes do occur you will be notified as quickly as possible.

Optional Parental Interviews.

On Tuesday and Wednesday 4/5th of August optional parental interviews will be taking place here at school. They will run from 3:20 pm to 5:00pm on both days. Because you have just received your child's mid-term reports and we had 3 way conferences last term, these interviews are not needed for all parents. If however, you have concerns, please use this opportunity to touch base with the teachers.

If you would like a time (they will be for 10 minutes) you need to contact Helen in the office. First in first served basis. Keeping communication lines open is very important so that all parties are reading from the same page.

POMPALLIERS GOT TALENT

Yes, this as back and with vengeance. Already I can see the tennis rackets being strummed and the bad jokes being practiced.

Please encourage your children to enter this event. Auditions will be held on the Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th to weed out the performances that need just that little more work. Friday the 14th August will see the best perform at 11:00am in the church. Last years winners were fantastic, and it gives those with the talent of performance to shine and have their moment of success. I will be singing the classic 'Wake me up before you go, go' from the 80's band Wham. Dancing could be the sticking point however!

Maori Consultation

This year we are hoping to again consult with our Maori parents to get feedback and future ideas for their children's learning inside the school. We have booked the night of 11th August at 5:15pm here at the school. It's a chance to share ideas, have a say and build a stronger school. Watch this space for more information leading up to the date.

Please note that I or any of the staff are always open for a chat and happy to have any issues or concerns run past us. We are here to provide an education for your child/ren and it has to be right for you and them.

Have a great two weeks. Daniel Pepper

Special Character Column

This week we are focusing on **Traditional and Devotional Prayer** in all year levels.

From next week , we will be starting the **Church Strand**

Each years focus will be as follows

Y1: Belonging

Y2: Gathering, Celebrating, Living God's Presence

Y3: Called to be Like Jesus

Y4: Called to Service

Y5: The Church Celebrates

Y6: The Church as a Pilgrim People

Y7/8: The Teaching Church

Once again , I can't stress the fact enough, that your Family/Whanau book is really useful in giving ideas of how to communicate with your child about their learning in RE. Each Strand has it's own section for your child's year level. There is also information on the prayer module that we are using this week.

If you have misplaced your Whanau book, please get another from Helen in the office.

As you know, Father Pat is having a well deserved holiday with his family in England. In his absence, we are lucky to have Father Rodney Smythe relieving. We welcome Father Rodney and look forward to the two months that we have with him at St Joseph's.

Father Rodney will be celebrating our **Family Mass** on the **16th of August**.

Class Mass Times:

Friday week 2: Rooms 1a, 2 & 6

Friday week 3 Whole School

POMPALLIER MORNING TEA

Our turn for morning tea at Mass— this Sunday—26th July . Please bring a plate and if you can, it would be great to see some parents serving tea / coffee and helping with the clean up after. Thank you so much to the regulars who help us out, but we would happily welcome some new faces too!

Please feel free to pop in any time and see me if you have any queries about your child's faith journey or about what they are learning in the Religious Education programme at our school. I will do my best to help you, and if I can't I'll find someone who can!

Remember that Mass is at 9am every Sunday and we'd love to see you there.

God Bless

Michele Mill DRS

Pompallier Catholic School Notice Board

Paper runners required for the Kaitaia area

Paper runners required for the Kaitaia area. Must be able to start at 6am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please call into the Northland Age office if interested.

House teams shirts.

Just a reminder about house t-shirts. These are available from the office. Children use these for sports events throughout the year and during the school day for PE activities..
They are \$9.00

Student of the Week

Room 1	Pheobe Hone-Moore/ Oceanna-Lee Prichard
Room 2	Jonte Hanara/Zac Shanks
Room 3	Tynan May/Connor Maskell
Room 4	Jared Henderson/ Cailee Stewart
Room 5	Niskylka Pritchard/Marlon Harris
Room 6	Jenny Crene/Jake Aspin
Room 7	Jaimee Cassidy/Ryan Travers

The school congratulates you!

School Values

These are the values that we have been focusing on over this week.

Truth

Making correct choices

- Thinking through an issue before acting
- Knowing what is right and wrong
- Thinking about consequences to actions we make
- Learning from mistakes

This fits in well with the Key Competency **Managing Self**. How do our children monitor them selves so that they are interacting well with others?

House Group Points

Chanel	14675
Marcellin	12125
Maria	13495
McAuley	12189

Thanks for the great school uniforms this term.

The children looked great on the first day and even some of the senior boys had washed their shirts!

Thankyou

Welcome

To Rylee
Windleborn in
Room 1a.

It's great to have part of the school family.

**Our prayers go out to Denice Gillespie -
Jada and Chloe's mum
May God keep you safe**