



Rm 11 Newsletter

Term 3 2011 Sara Feringa

Masterton Primary School

Welcome to all students, parents and caregivers. Term 3 is underway. Hopefully not too much of the cold winter to endure. We all survived a fantastic snow experience Wow! We have had a number of sicknesses throughout the school and within our class, hopefully the worst is out of the way. I am thankful that you are able to keep your child home when they are not well enough to be at school.

We have a ten week term. The term will be ending Friday 7th October.



Integrated Topic

We are continuing our integrated topic of study this term, “**Changes**”. Students will understand that all things change and things adapt to change. Our focus is on communities and how they continually adapt to meet changing needs.

Our Key Competency focus will be Thinking and Relating to others. Students will be encouraged to value Innovation, Ecological Sustainability and Community.

Students will show an understanding of the school resources and environment that are important to our students. They will make decisions on how to improve the resources/environment of the school to meet their needs.

Health and PE are based on movement concepts through Gymnastics and Jump Jam. We will also be covering the *Kia Kaha* Programme. Developed by the NZ Police, designed to help create safe positive classrooms in which bullying cannot flourish. *Please see the letter attached for further details.*

MIS –Y6 Students

Our Year 6 students looking to go to MIS should have received an information pack recently. The MIS Open night will be on Tuesday 30th August, 7-9pm. We will also be attending the Variety concert for contributing schools on

Uniforms

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform to school each day. If there is a time when this is not possible send your child with a note to explain.

Many of our seniors are choosing to wear non-uniform sweatshirts to school. They are not permitted to wear these sweatshirts (and hoodies) at school so they are asked to remove these when they get to school.



Golden Time

Our class will be following the “Golden Rules” throughout the week and participating in their whole class incentive of “Golden time” at the end of the week.

If you are able to join us at this time then you are welcome. We usually have Golden Time at about 1.45 on Friday afternoon. Check with me to be sure.



Numeracy Skills

Students are continuing to develop their numeracy strategies. The focus is on Proportion and Ratio (Fractions, Decimals and Percentages) They will also be developing their number knowledge skills.

Practice the numeracy skills with your child at home as this is helpful for their learning.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Please take note of the following dates for our Parent/Teacher Interviews. **Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st September.** We will be closing early on Wednesday.

During these interviews we will be looking at the goals so far and discussing your child's progress towards their goals.

Please encourage your child to take part in these interviews as their input is valuable. I look forward to seeing you at the interviews.

MPS Website



Keep up to date with newsletters, term dates, holidays, upcoming events and other information about Masterton Primary School.

You can view our website on www.masterton.school.nz

Photos and information will be updated and changed throughout the year.



Homework

Homework is something that your child should be reasonably independent in. They may need some assistance at times.

- Your child has a home reading log that is recording the title and author, time spent reading and a simple response from them. Please can you note the time (round about) spent reading each night and sign. **Students will need to hand in their reading log on Friday mornings** for me to check progress. Thank-you for your anticipated participation and interest in your child's reading.
- Spelling words will be taken home on Mondays to learn for the week with a spelling test on Fridays. **Students must remember to bring their spelling notebook to school on Monday and Friday.** The new comprehensive spelling programme has a learning focus each week to help them focus on key features, patterns, rules, similarities and differences.
- Basic Facts of addition, subtraction and multiplication and division should be practised regularly at home, developing instant recall skills. This will be tested on a regular basis.
- Numeracy skills at the level indicated on their individual sheet.
- News items from newspaper, radio or television will be expected on a regular basis from your child. They will have a particular news-day when they will be expected to present a news item to the class. It is important that your child becomes aware of the world around them.
- Project work or work from class, as required. We may have an inquiry learning project. The children will work on this in class time but some time spent at home working on this will be useful.

Any queries regarding homework please see me or contact me at school.

Special dates for Term 3

- Essential Skills Tests—Week 4
- MPS Friends of the School Fundraiser; Fashion Parade Ballentynes—Wednesday 24th August
- Masterkids ICT—Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th August
- Open Night MIS—Tuesday 30th August
- Rippa Rugby—Thursday 1st September
- Conservation Week—Week 7
- Walking School Bus begins Cockburn and Harley Streets—Monday 12th September
- Wairarapa Primary Schools Kapa Haka Festival—Friday 16th September
- MIS Variety Concert Monday 19th September.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st September
- World Car Free Day Thursday 22nd September
- ODC @ Lakeview Sharing evening Wednesday 28th September.
- End of Term 3 Friday 7th October

Y6 Camp



We are finalizing details for our Year 6 camp to Forest Lakes in Otaki. Our camp date is Term 4 Monday 14th November till Thursday 17th November.

Fundraising is continuing and Y6 Parents will be contacted with more details shortly.

Camp final payment will be due Monday 25th October. If you are wanting to make payments please contact Karen Brown at the office.

Thanks

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