



## Rm 11 Newsletter

Term 3 2010 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 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 24th September.



### Integrated Topic

**Our** integrated topic of study this term is , **“What makes it go?”** Students will understand that all moving things use energy.

Our Key Competency focus will be Thinking and Managing Self. Students will be encouraged to value Innovation, Inquiry and Curiosity, and Integrity.

Students will learn about and experiment with energy transformations. They will identify a range of movements, force and propulsion. Through an inquiry learning process they will understand and explain how a form of movement works.

Health and PE are based on movement concepts through Gymnastics and Jump Jam. We will also be looking at some hygiene issues with Nurse Judy visiting to discuss body odour, and cleanliness.

### Options

**We** have begun our term with the options programme. This seems to be going well so far with a range of different activities happening.

Any feedback about the options programme would be appreciated as we are just having a 5 week trial period first.

We hope your child enjoys their activity and benefits from the experiences they have.

### 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.



### Circle Time and Golden Time

**Our** class will continue to participate in a programme called “Circle Time”. Designed to enhance self esteem, self discipline and positive relationships.

The children 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. 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.

If you have any enquiries regarding the numeracy learning please contact me.

### New Spelling Programme

**We** are using a new comprehensive spelling programme this term that is focused on teaching children **how** to spell. It uses a framework to develop independent spellers. Children are encouraged to focus on key features, patterns, rules, similarities and differences within each list Each week their list is given along with their learning focus. Activities are given in class during the week to consolidate the focus.



If you have any queries about the spelling programme then please contact me at school.

### 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](http://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

- Art Workshop—Wednesday 18th August \$3.
- Rippa Rugby –Thursday 19th August
- Science Roadshow—Monday 30th August—\$6
- Teacher Only Day Monday 13th September.
- MIS Variety Concert Tuesday 14th September.
- ODC @ Lakeview open evening Wednesday 15th September.
- Loud Shirt Day (Deaf Awareness) - Friday 17th September
- House Challenge –Technology Friday 17th September
- End of Term 3 Friday 24th September

## Science Roadshow



The 2010 Fonterra Science Roadshow will be in Masterton at Chanel College on Monday 30th August.

Our Y6 students are booked in to visit. There will be a range of interactive exhibits available.

Admission is \$6. This cost will probably be covered by Trust Lands Trust, but if not then parents will need to pay this to the office. Further details will follow closer to the time.

We will be walking to Chanel College. If you are available as a parent help for this day please let me know.

## Y6 Camp

We are finalizing details for our Year 6 camp to Forest Lakes in Otaki. Our camp date is Term 4 Monday 15th November till Friday 19th November.

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



Camp final payment will be due Friday 22nd October. If you are wanting to make payments please contact Karen Brown at the office.

## Welcome

You are always welcome to visit our classroom at any time. If you have any queries or questions about what we are doing in our class please contact me.

Thanks

Sara