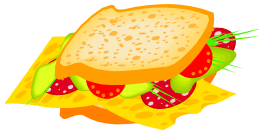


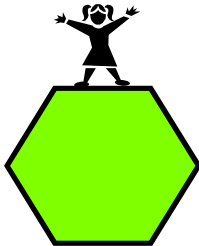
Room 13 Newsletter

Term 3 2010

We are looking at the Key Competencies of 'Showing Curiosity', 'Asking Questions about my Learning' and 'Thinking Before I Act' This fits well with our Science Topic 'What Makes It Go?' where we will investigate the physics of energy and movement.



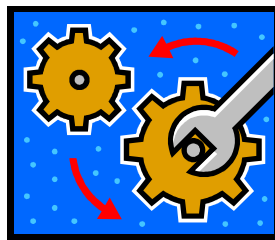
We suggest water as the healthiest drink option for children at school. Fruit and sandwiches will give them the energy they need for learning. Room 13 will continue to learn about healthy choices and we encourage children to eat foods which will optimise their energy for learning.



For Maths we will be investigating geometry- shape and symmetry, and number. adding and subtracting numbers, skip counting and learning about multiplication and division. Practise at home with basic addition to 10, 20 and then to 100. Use maths in a real context at home. Maths is fun!

Welcome to Term 2 with a special welcome to the new families who have joined Room 13. Pat Dawson, who usually teaches in Room 13 on Wednesday and Thursday while I fulfil my Deputy Principal role, will be away for the first two weeks of term as she is visiting her family in Ireland.

Our Integrated Topic is 'What Makes It Go?' in which we will explore everyday examples of movement and energy and look at cause and effect. You may find good examples of this at home. Investigate how simple things work, like a can opener.



Part of being healthy is being fit which is why we have a fitness time at the start of the day. School starts at 8.50am with a fitness session so please make sure your child arrives on time for our daily exercise programme.



For P.E. we will be learning about balance and rotation, folk dance and Te Ao Kori.

In Health we will investigate feelings and learn about some of the ways we can cope with change, loss and grief. We continue our values education with a look at consideration, self-discipline, cooperation, perseverance and risk taking. We hope to practise last terms values of kindness, caring, friendliness, tolerance and respect.



Reading books come home Monday to Thursday -please sign the notebook -this is very important and all children need to practise reading daily. Also check the back of their book for their spelling words-these need to be learnt daily too. We will work on chunks in words and if you can encourage them to think about other words with the chunk in it will help them to recognise the sound and learn the spelling patterns. Children should continue to learn the basic essential list words to improve their reading and writing. Poem books come home each Thursday/Friday to share. Please ensure these are returned each Monday.

Please encourage your child to be a responsible learner at school. Discuss what they are learning and expect sensible learning behaviour at school-just as we do. Ka kite- Anne and Pat