

Masterton Primary School

Room 14 Class Newsletter Term 3 2010

Dear Parents Caregivers

Welcome to Term 3. An interesting start to the term with a number of absences to begin with. (Oh for small class sizes !!!). If your child is unwell and not attending school please contact the school office.

Last term was again a busy one for our students and this term is no different. Year 5 last term starred in the production "The Piperman" We completed our study on communities and rules and law making. We also looked at aspects of peer mediation. Some class members have gone on to train as school mediators.

Our key study this term is about "What Makes It Go" with a focus on forms of energy, magnets, electricity and simple machines. Some individual study will need to be undertaken to enable all students to complete a model that shows movement using a form of energy This is to be completed by the last week of term.

This term a highlight will be the art workshop "Confidence with Colour" on the 18th August. This is an excellent opportunity for all students to be part of a workshop using primary and secondary colour. All children are expected to participate as it is part of our art programme and cost is \$3.00 per person. This can be paid to the school office.

This term we are having five weeks of Thursday options where special activities are being held. Most children have got their choice of options and there is a small cost for all activities.

Our maths study this term is Numeracy with our topic being fractions ratios and proportions. We are also looking at statistics, graphing and chance. Reading- we continue with reading for meaning. word study and library skills. Library days continue to be Tuesday and book exchange will be Thursday. Written language involves writing on a variety of topics and is currently about writing instructions. We will also be looking at types of poetry. Home work activity includes reading at home, sharing newspaper stories and listening to news bulletins for our daily current events reports. All class members have a specific day for a news item which should be discussed at home. **Weekly spelling** continues for **all**.

Sport and PE activities include gymnastics and dance. Some students will be selected for the rippa rugby tournament on 19th August. Morning fitness will continue when school starts at 8.50 am.

Once again it looks like a busy term. There are no specific times for parent interviews this term however if you wish to discuss your child's progress please contact me through the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Steve Elliott