



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Living to Learn - Learning to Live



Term 3 2019 Newsletter

Pohutukawa Team

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Pohutukawa Team parents and a special "Haere mai" to the new students who have started school this term and their parents: Sophia Robinson, Clara McDonald, Halina and Emma Borowy and Khalood Ghani.

It is exciting to see preparation for our re-developed playground has begun! During the school holidays the school swimming pool was taken down and new green lawn was laid down in its place. We look forward to seeing the next step in the development process.

Term 3 Curriculum Theme and Activity Fees

Our 2019 theme is "Change". This term we look at changes in relation to the **Sustainability topic of "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle"**. Each week a natural resource is introduced in English and Te Reo, it is explored in relation to the environment.

"Mō tātou te taiao ko te atawhai, mō tātou te taiao ko te oranga"

"It is for us to care for and look after the environment to ensure its wellbeing, in doing so we ensure our own wellbeing and that of our future generations"

On Fridays students are encouraged to bring a bag of used Weetbix boxes, tissue boxes, cling wrap and tin foil rolls, plastic water bottles and plastic coloured milk lids for construction during Discovery Time. This will encourage them to **rethink** what they can make out of these materials.

Reminders

Communications

All emails that arrive in the teachers' mailboxes are read every day and we endeavour to reply as promptly as practicable. Please note that emails will not be responded to during class time as all teaching staff are engaged with classroom teaching and learning activities.

Literacy and Oral Language

Our term topic will be integrated into our Literacy Programme and there will be lots of discussion time so that the children's vocabulary is developed. Students will be shown how to elaborate on their ideas and explain their thinking to others.

They will be taught phonics, handwriting, spelling, punctuation and also grammar. Teachers have a particular focus on showing students how to write in sentences and how to use the past tense correctly.

Year 2 students will be given the opportunity to participate in *Book Bingo*, this challenges students to read widely.

Numeracy

Students will have daily practice at using a range of counting, grouping, and equal-sharing strategies with whole numbers and fractions. They will develop their understanding of place value and their ability to problem-solve.

NZ Maths website www.nzmaths.co.nz has an excellent families section which gives ideas as to how you can help at home. Please look at this.

P.E.

At ASB Sports Centre, specialist coaches will teach the children gymnastics and small ball skills.

The Arts and Health

Art is integrated into our Sustainability topic and we have invited **Fifi Colston**, Wellington's Wearable Arts guru, to present a workshop where each child will get to make a paper hat out of recycled materials. Parents will get to see their child's creation at a **"Celebration of Learning"** afternoon, the dates are below in "Term 3 Events".

Life Education will visit us towards the end of term and students will participate in a Health Education Programme over at Rose Street, details to follow.

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Lunchtime duties and after school staff meetings may preclude staff from attending to emails received on that day. Staff receiving evening emails will attend to these the following day or days, again as soon as is practicable.

Please note that phone messages to the office recorded after 2:30 pm cannot be guaranteed to be actioned before 3.00 pm.

Morning Routines

School classrooms are open from 8:30 am. The first bell rings at 8:50am signalling to the children that it is time to go to the toilet and have a drink in preparation for school starting. When the 8:55 am bell rings students should be in class and the roll will be taken.

If your child has been at school for more than a term, then "Kiss and Drop" is a perfect means by which you can encourage your child to be **resilient in the mornings** and expect them to go in to class by themselves.

Activity Fees

Activity Fees Rooms 1 & 2	Term 3 \$23.00
"What's for Lunch?" Programme <i>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle</i>	\$ 3.50
Clubs	\$ 3.00
Fifi Colston workshop	\$11.50
Life Education	\$ 5.00

Activity Fees Rooms 3 and 0	Term 3 \$20.00
"What's for Lunch?" Programme <i>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle</i>	\$ 3.50
Fifi Colston workshop	\$11.50
Life Education	\$ 5.00

Pohutukawa Team teachers look forward to working in partnership with you and your child this term, on a wonderful journey of learning.

If you have any concerns, then please email your classroom teacher to make a suitable time for you to discuss it after school one day.

Term 3 Events

- ASB dates Rooms 3 & 0 – 29 July, August 5, 12 & 19 August 12.30 -2.55 pm (pick -up from bus stop opposite Wadestown Kitchen)
- ASB dates Rooms 1 & 2 - 31 July, August 7, 14 & 21 August 12.30-2.55 pm (pick -up from bus stop opposite Wadestown Kitchen)
- Wheels Day Friday 30 August
- Clubs – Rooms 1 & 2 Thursday 5, 12 & 19 September
- Fifi Colston Workshop 3 September
- Celebration of Learning:
Room 1 Monday 9th September at 2:15 pm
Room 2 Tuesday 10th September at 2:15 pm
Room 3 Wednesday 11th September at 2:15 pm
Room 0 Thursday 12th September at 2:15 pm

Kind regards

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