

Junior Syndicate Newsletter

Term 3 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3. We trust you enjoyed the holidays. We are looking forward to continuing the great work the children started last term. We would like to welcome all children new to our school.

Curriculum



Literacy

It is essential for young children to develop a sight vocabulary (a bank of words they recognise automatically). When children see writing modelled at home, or at school, and when they write themselves, they consolidate their understanding of words and how they are put together.

Each child will continue to read daily, with specific teaching to encourage the use of reading strategies. The development of a sight vocabulary is a key factor in enabling beginning readers to improve. Please remember to regularly practise the Magic Sight Words at home. When children can recognise words immediately they are free to concentrate on reading for meaning.

The children are tested regularly to ensure their specific needs are met.

Please make sure that you have a chat with your classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns.



Maths

In term three we will continue to focus on number knowledge and developing instant recall of basic facts. We will also build a range of addition, subtraction and multiplication strategies that children can use to solve number problems. This term we will be learning about geometry position and orientation and time. For further information please use the following link: <http://www.nzmaths.co.nz/families>.

Inquiry - How the World Works

Our Inquiry focus is Science this term. In Year 2 the children will be observing, describing and comparing the changes that occur when materials are mixed, heated or cooled. In week 3 the Year 2 classes will be visiting The Old Lolly Shop in Takapuna. We will observe the process of how lollipops are made the old fashioned way, all mixed and pulled by hand. Each child will receive a long piece of lollipop mixture to mould into their own creation (and of course eat).

The Year 1 children will be looking at the science behind floating and sinking. In week 3 the Year 1 classes will be visiting MOTAT where the flight educators are working our topic into their flight programme. We will have time to explore both the main MOTAT site and the MOTAT flight site. There will also be a tram ride and of course the educator session.

Health and PE

This term we have an engaging unit planned where students will learn movement, coordination and locomotor skills while doing a range of activities such as skipping, running and jumping. The children will also be taking part in Folk/cultural dancing.

Maori language

The Junior children will continue to learn Te Reo Maori, we will be learning several Maori myths and legends.

General Housekeeping:

Clothing

Please remember to keep a set of spare clothes in your child's bag in case they get muddy from being on the field. We would also like to remind you to check all clothing is named.

Important dates:

Friday 24th July	100 th Day of School Celebrating
Tuesday 4 August	Y2 trip to The Old Lolly Shop Takapuna
	Y1 trip to MOTAT
Monday 10 August	Class, Portrait and Sibling Photos
Wednesday 12 August	Parent Interviews 3.30pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 13 August	Parent Interviews 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Monday 14 - 18th September	Book week
Friday 25th September	End of Term 3

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to the term ahead.

Kind regards,
The Junior Syndicate Teachers