



# Discovery School

"Educating for successful living"

## ADVENTURE Syndicate



Little feet-Big steps

### **NEWSLETTER # 7**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Term 2. All the classes are buzzing with busy, working children. A special welcome to all our new children and families. We know that your child will have a great time at Discovery School.

#### **LONG-TERM** Planning

We have another very busy term ahead of us as we undertake some fun units of work. Here is an outline of what we will be focussing on this term.

<b>ENGLISH</b>	Writing: Moment in Time writing A regular daily programme of reading and writing activities will take place alongside any special focuses.
<b>INQUIRY</b>	The World at Our Feet 👣 Learning about other countries 👣 Asking questions 👣 Finding answers 👣 Designing supporter gear
<b>HEALTH &amp; PE</b>	Large ball skills: Soccer, netball, rugby Cross-country Jump-jam
<b>MAORI</b>	Kapahaka Greetings Mihi
<b>MATHS</b>	Numeracy will be our major focus all year as concepts in this area are vital to establish in the junior school. This term we will be covering measurement (time) and geometry (shape.)
<b>THE ARTS</b>	Visual Arts: A focus on art from different parts of the world using a variety of media. Dance: Folk dancing

## ***PE* Programme**

This term we are training for our school cross-country. Can you please make sure that your child comes to school with suitable footwear and clothing to participate in these programmes.

## ***WINTER* Clothing**

As the weather get cooler your child will be coming to school wearing more layers. Our classrooms are warm, cosy places so the need for jumpers and jackets is not really needed in class. However, cloak bays can become congested places for jackets, coats and sweatshirts. **CAN YOU PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING IS NAMED ON THE LABEL IN A PERMANENT MARKER.** The amount of clothing we send to clothing bins, because we can't find owners for them, is quite remarkable.

## ***HEAD* Lice**

As can sometimes happen during the year, there have been some cases of head lice in classes. We would ask that you regularly check your child's hair for both the lice and nits (the eggs). If any are found, can you please make sure that they are treated accordingly.

## ***GOAL* Setting**

Last term all of the children in Adventure Syndicate participated in Goal Setting. At the end of this term we will be reviewing your child's goals. It may be timely to see how your child is progressing with his/her goals.

That's all for this newsletter. We look forward to another great term ahead.

Kind regards,

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