

# Discovery School

## Discovery Syndicate Newsletter

### 11th February 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thankyou for the great effort made to ensure that students started the year with stationery. Ninety-nine percent of students are ready to start in their books!

We are looking forward to a great start to the year and an exciting first term with camp coming up in week four.

It was great to meet so many of you on Tuesday night at the syndicate information evening.

This term we are pleased to welcome Kirsten Reakes and Tania Atkinson to our team. Already we are enjoying their input, as we work as a team to plan programmes.

#### **Homework**

Homework books should have come home on either last Friday, or Monday of this week. Please contact the class teacher if you have any concerns.

#### **Appropriate Clothing**

Students need to have their sunhats every day during Term 1. They also need appropriate footwear and clothing for P.E.

#### **Parent Help**

If you are available to parent help with your child's class in the library, at library time, please could you contact your child's teacher.

#### **Internet Permission**

Last week you will have received a contract that needs to be completed with your child. Please could you return these to school as soon as possible.

#### **Term Programme**

This outline gives the main areas of the curriculum which we will be covering this term

#### **Maths**

- Advanced Numeracy Project-addition/subtraction and place value
- Geometry -Mapping
- Statistics

## English

- Punctuation, sentence structure and paragraphing
- Establishing the writing process
- Develop an awareness of book presentation
- Comprehension and fluency skills in reading

## Topics

- Health/Social Studies: Creative Classrooms
- Science: Physical World- Forces
- Maori- Greeting and Farewells

## Art

- Maori Art

## P.E

- Athletic Skills - Run, Jump, Throw, cricket

## Drama

- Exploring drama conventions

- Reminders**
- Students need to bring their lunch on the first day of camp.
  - Payment for camp is due on Tuesday (16 February)
  - Homework books come back **every** Friday

## Dates to Remember:

- Camp 23rd-26th February
- Goal setting: 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> March
- Athletic Sports: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, Postponement Date - Friday 19th March.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

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