

Discovery Syndicate Newsletter

22nd April 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

What a busy first term we had with Camp, Athletics and just the basics! We have had a busy holidays getting organised for another exciting term. Our big event this term is Cross Country and we are already well underway with our training. We also have some other fun programmes planned.

Term Programme: This outline gives the main areas of the curriculum which we will be covering this term.

Maths

Strategies for Multiplication and Division

Statistics- Graphing and Statistical Investigations

English

Word Study: Parts of Speech.

Written Language: Procedural Writing

Oral Language: Places around the World -

Students do not have to have visited these places. They are learning to locate places on a World map, find information from a variety of sources and speak to their classes about the place they have found out about. The emphasis is on speaking not reading, so students need to practice speaking at home before their weekly presentation. A talk from family photos, or an article from another place that has been given to them, is easier, so we encourage this. I hope this makes this area of the homework clearer.

Visual language: presentation of inquiry learning and continuing to work on book presentation.

Reading: using reading strategies to understand non-fiction texts.

Topic

Inquiry learning

Fifa World Cup

Maori:

Colours

The Arts

Visual Art: Exploring Printing and drawing animals

Dance: Moving and Shaping

PE

Large ball Skills: Netball

Striking with the Feet: Soccer

Cross Country

Below is the photo of the students who won the Principals' Award Certificates which are presented at the end of each term. These certificates are given to two students in each class who have worked consistently for the whole term.

From left back: John Allan, Conrad Kelly (Principal), Logan O'Connor, Monique Pursglove, Renee Tracy, Tom Lynne, Leo Shing

Front: Lennon Winton, William Arrowsmith, Lisa Tweedie, Charmaine Farquhar, Isabella Cronin-Stone



Dates to Remember:

Marcelle Bernard -Speech making - Friday 21st May

School Cross Country - Thursday 27th May, Postponement Friday 28th May

Australasian Computer Skills Competition - Tuesday 25th May

Interschool Cross Country - Tuesday 1st June

Australasian Science Skills Competition - Tuesday 9th June

Australasian Writing/Spelling/Science Competition - Thurs. 22nd June

Reports home to Parents -Thursday 18th June

Raincoats/Jackets

As our syndicate buildings are without covered walkways, it is necessary for children to have raincoats or jackets at school. This is so that they can go to the toilet, hall, library etc. without getting wet.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

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