



RESOLUTION Syndicate

NEWSLETTER # 1

Thursday 11th February 2010

Dear Parents / Caregivers

A warm welcome to you as we embark on another year at Discovery School. We hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable holiday break. A special welcome to those families who are new to Resolution Syndicate.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Rebecca Griffin to our syndicate. She is an excellent addition to our syndicate's teaching staff.

LONGTERM PLANNING

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

ENGLISH: LISTENING & SPEAKING	Developing interpersonal listening skills and following instructions
ENGLISH: READING & WRITING	Reading for enjoyment, reading for understanding, responding to language and meaning in texts. Focus on personal and report writing.
ENGLISH: VIEWING & PRESENTING	Developing skills in handwriting.
HEALTH & PE	Kia Kaha - We will be exploring how peoples attitudes, values and actions contribute to a healthy physical and social environment. Children will contribute and use simple guidelines and practices to promote physically and socially healthy classrooms, school and the local environment.
MAORI	Tōku Mihi – The children will be including this into their goal setting power points.
MATHS	Our main focus for this term is place value, addition and subtraction. We will also be covering a unit on money. Statistics will relate to our Science certificate on weather data.
THE ARTS	Exploring ourselves in art, through a variety of media. The children will be participating in drama and singing.

MEET THE TEACHER

Our Meet the Teacher evening will be on **Thursday 11th February @ 7:00pm** in **Resolution Block**. It would be great to see you there as we will be outlining syndicate organisation, our class programmes and homework requirements for the year. We look forward to seeing you.

STATIONERY

A big thank you to all those parents / caregivers who have already purchased stationery for the year. It is a big help to us as well as your child when they have all their gear ready to start the year. Please remember to name **all** of your child's stationery. It makes it a whole lot easier when we know what belongs to whom!

HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

We have some children in our school who have allergies to particular kinds of foods; in particular peanuts and peanut products. As these allergies are life threatening for some children we ask that all peanut products are left out of school lunches. Could you please be aware of this when purchasing food for lunches. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

LIBRARY DAYS

SH	SM	GM	RG
FRIDAY 11:00	FRIDAY 9:00am	THURSDAY 11:00am	THURSDAY 1:30PM

SUNHATS AND FOOTWEAR

It is school policy that during Term 1 and 4 all children must wear a brimmed sunhat when they are outside. During the summer months we run our PE programmes during the earlier part of the day so we can avoid the worst of the sun. On sunny days it may be advisable to apply sunscreen before school, and then get your child to reapply at lunchtime.

Due to some inconsiderate members of the community, there can be broken glass around the school. That is why it is very important that children do not come to school barefoot.

It would also be appreciated that your child has footwear/clothing suitable for PE activities packed in their bag if they are wearing other shoes/clothes during the day.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PUNCTUALITY

We understand that mornings can be very busy times for all families and getting to school can be, at times, a major undertaking. It would be appreciated if your child could be at school before 8:55am. This is when we call our roll and get sorted for the day. It also gives your child an opportunity to catch up with peers and get organised for the day. As we are trying to develop independence over the next two years, your help with this matter would be most appreciated.

ART BITS

Our supply of ice cream containers, newspapers and magazines is dwindling so if you have any at home that you're not using please send them to school.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you have a home or work e-mail address that you would like your child's teacher to have for ease of regular communication, please send an e-mail to your classroom teacher at the following addresses.

sh@discovery.school.nz

sm@discovery.school.nz

gm@discovery.school.nz

rg@discovery.school.nz

That's all for this edition. We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Kind regards

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