



Room 5 Newsletter

Term 2, 2012

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

Whew that was a busy one!

Term 2 looks to be a more settled 10 weeks in Room 5, with consistent learning experiences from week to week.

The Year 6 students have been working hard on their technology inquiry to introduce a range of lunchtime games/activities to Tairua School. The gutter boards they built with the assistance of a helpful parent (thanks Simon), have been a roaring success! The group are doing a great job helping set up the sports/resource shed. They have a few more projects in the works so watch this space!

All Room 5 students are taking part in the Kiwi Kids Current Events Challenge. They need to be keeping up with news through their choice of radio, TV, newspaper etc. Please share your knowledge and regularly discuss topical news with your child when you can. This will help them when they perform their in-class quizzes.

If you would like to discuss any concerns or queries you may have, please feel free to catch up with me in Room 5 after school or call the office to arrange a meeting time that suits. Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind Regards,
Miss Telfar

Tairua Citizens

We have been working on developing independent self management in Room 5. Being organised with; stationary and equipment, school commitments and homework is a very important skill in the senior class. Using logbooks regularly to keep up with this is a good habit to carry on with. Students know it is important to complete all their work in class and catch up on anything they miss if they are away.

This term we will be focusing on three aspects of the Tairua Citizen concept. Students will enhance their ability to be:

Trustworthy & Reliable:

By building strong relationships within the class and demonstrating respect and integrity and strong sense of self.

Innovative & Creative Thinkers:

By clarifying information and interpreting meaning. Making predictions, sharing personal reflections and finding creative solutions to problems.

Zestful for knowledge & learning:

By searching and combining knowledge to assist in a common group goal. Seeking and identifying other learning opportunities that their studies may link to or uncover.

Class Routines

HOMEWORK

Most Room 5 students have diligent homework habits. They are completing all tasks on the sheet to their best ability and handing in by Friday. Students know if they have a particularly busy week and need some extra time over the weekend to get it all done, they must have a note in their logbooks from a parent/guardian.

MARBLE JAR

This term I have introduced the 'marble jar'. When the whole class exhibits appropriate work behaviors all at once, a marble goes in the bottle. Once the bottle is full, the class will have a class party one afternoon.

Winter is here!

In Room 5 we have discussed why it is important to come to school wearing appropriate warm clothing and wrap up for the cold. Students are encouraged to leave a beanie in their desk for when they go outside at morning tea/lunch times. As we head towards the winter season please keep in mind students who are unwell are best to stay at home to avoid passing it around. Please notify the school office if your child will be absent due to sickness.



Term 2 Events

- 13th May - Mothers day (messages up in Millys window)
- 21st May - Youth Week
- 22nd May - Sugary Drinks Talk
- 26/27th May - 40hr Famine
- 29th Elgrefoe Magic Show
- 4th June - Queens Birthday
- 5th June - Book Week starts
- 20th June - H.O.T Winter Sports Competition (in Tairua)
- 21st June - Matariki
- 29th June - Reports go home.

Curriculum

We continue our study of Louis Sachars novel '**HOLES**' and apply our critical thinking skills to understand the deeper meaning within the text. We are starting our radio inquiry '**TUNE IN TAIRUA**' and drive our learning through various curriculum areas. We will have a thorough understanding of radio concepts before presenting segments, in groups, live on our local Tairua radio station. Students will be asked to investigate; How has radio programming changed over time and influenced society (Social Studies)? How does sound travel from the studio to our ears (Science)? How can we identify different styles and eras of music for our radio show (Music)? What technologies can we use to enhance our radio show (ICT)? This radio study will involve a full literacy focus including writing informative news pieces, interviewing, using the language of advertising to create promotions, speaking skills (being an effective DJ) and listening and critiquing other radio presenters.

Other areas of learning this term are: Mathematics - **ADDITION/SUBTRACTION (CARRY ON FROM T1), MULTIPLICATION, DIVISION AND TIME.**

Health/Well being - **DEVELOPING RESILIENCE, ACCEPTANCE AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS.**

Physical Education - **RUGBY, NETBALL, SOCCER, HOCKEY AND TAPUWAI.**

Visual Art - **PORTRAITURE**

Social Sciences/Culture - **MATARIKI (MAORI NEW YEAR)**

Reading and Drama - **BOOK WEEK**

Super Students

Harry, Paris, Maddie, Jack, Thomas and Brody will be making weekly visits to Tairua age care this term. Residents are very appreciative of the time and company students give.

Creative writers; Abbi, Ahi, Vita, Denise, Ziggy, Flynn, Thomas and Harry will participate in fortnightly sessions with Emma at the Tairua Library starting week two. A fantastic opportunity for these students to reveal their flair for writing.

Gardening club is in full swing and the committed group of volunteers from Room 5 are doing a great job out there. Keep it up Jack, Brody, Mohini, Greyson, Henry, Maddie and Abbi.



Congratulations to Bayden, Paris, Sandy, Abbi and Mohini from the winning group the #BROWNS. Your effort and co operation last term was fantastic. Lets see which group will work together to gain the most group points this term and earn a 'hot lunch shout'.

Reminders

- We have started collecting Yummy stickers again this term to earn sports gear for our school so keep bringing them into class to put on our charts.
- Students entering the Thames Camera Club competition need to get their entries into Miss Telfar by Friday 11th May. Many of our students who entered last year won great prizes, you have to be in to win!
- Students know they must keep their plastic book bags in their school bags at all times to protect any work books (including homework) or library books going home. Students may need reminding to ensure they do not transport books without the waterproof book bag especially as we go into the rainy season.
- Thank you to everyone who helped at our camp fundraising events last term. We will be having a sausage sizzle at the H.O.T Winter Sports competition and will need some volunteer Year 7/8 parents to run it for the day. If you can help please write a note in your child's logbook and I can arrange a roster.
- Smile, it makes people wonder what you've been up to!