



Room 5 Newsletter

Term 2, 2013

Positive Citizenship

CITIZEN CLASS TROPHY

This term students can nominate someone else in the class who they believe has shown model citizenship during the week. Nomination forms must be filled out in detail and put into the bucket for consideration. A draw will be made every Monday to award to a deserving nominee.

TEAM POINTS

This term students are working cooperatively together in their seating groups to earn points. Each week the points are tallied and the team with the most points may take a prize token from a list of rewards suggested by students. The team with the highest total at the end of the term will be rewarded with a lovely lunch trip on the last day of term.

ROOM 5 IN THE HERALD

Keep an eye on the NZ Herald today as there will be an article about our class and their experiences at the Leigh Marine Reserve last term. The journalist wished to highlight the students zest for learning and their enthusiasm for making a difference in the marine environment. Go Room 5!

Website

Our class website has taken on a new form and our blog page is being added to regularly. Please check it out whenever you can, to see examples of students work and what we are doing in Room 5. This term, personal blog pages are being set up for every student throughout the school. Each member of Room 5 will be able to update their own blog with individual work samples and photos.

Room 5 Interactive Marine Museum

Throughout the year our class is working towards putting forward their EMR action plan, instigated from their snorkel trip in 2012 and following on from our marine camp. The idea the students have decided to put into action is a major project and one that will take considerable time and energy to reach its final stage. We are developing an interactive classroom museum in Room 5 and would like to invite members of the public to come and see what we have been learning and gain the support and enthusiasm of the community before we go ahead with the students proposed action. This is an exciting endeavor that the students are looking forward to presenting. If you are able to help us set up the classroom before the open day please let me know. Dates will be confirmed in the school newsletter this term.

B.T.S – Broadcasting Tairua School

Listen to our student radio crew present a weekly radio show aired on 97.9 KOOL FM where students share what's happening at Tairua School:

MONDAY 1.10pm

TUESDAY 7.45am (repeat)

Kool kids on KOOL FM...double kool!

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

After a term full of unique learning challenges and a thoroughly enjoyable camp experience in the marine environment, Room 5 students have a firm understanding of the expectations in the senior class.

Term 2 will be where students learn to work co operatively in group tasks to achieve a final result. Everyone contributes and takes responsibility for a common goal and everyone's strengths are valued in the collective learning process.

I am very keen to meet with you if you have something you would like to clarify or discuss. Please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting time on a day that suits by calling the office or emailing me at the address below. Before school is a busy time, however after school is a perfect time to have an uninterrupted catch up.

Warm Regards,
Samantha Telfar

Term 2 Events

- 16th May - Gym Sport Session Rm 4/5
- 17th May - Rm 5 ASSEMBLY
- 21st May - Zeebong Show
- 22nd May - HPV Vaccinations
- 23rd May - Kiwi Sport Hockey visit
- 27th May - Zero Waste Week
- 30th May - Kiwi Sport Hockey visit
- 31st May - Student Leader Movie Night

- 3rd June - Queens Birthday (no school)
- 10th June - Matariki Week
- 25th June - Maori Myths/Legends Performance
- 1st July - Maori Language Week,
- Brag books go home (this week)
- 4th July - H.O.T Winter Sports Day
- 8th July - PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 10th July - Gym Sport Festival



Bits and Bobs

Creative Writing

Is every Thursday from 2-3pm. Students may leave straight from the library at 3pm. Students attending this term are: Cade, Ziggy, Jordan, Darrien, Ahi, Harriett, Lily and Maddie.

Age Care Music Group

Marlow, Phoenix, Rhea and Mohini will be making weekly visits to Tairua Age Care with Mrs Lloyd, every Thursday afternoon to play music. This is a valued community service that is enjoyed and appreciated by all the residents and staff.

Yummy Stickers

Room 5 have a group challenge and students are keen to collect as many yummy stickers as possible. Sticker charts are available in the classroom. The money raised by the yummy sticker charts goes towards purchasing new gear for the sports trolley available to the whole school to use at lunchtimes.

Photo Competition

Students who wish to participate in the Thames Camera Club competition can get entry forms from Room 5. Students can enter multiple photos. All entries need to be to Miss Telfar by Monday 20th May to be checked and sent away.

Spelling Bee

Five students from the top spelling groups have been invited to participate in the 'Great Waikato Spelling Bee' in Hamilton on September 14th. Permission slips will be going home to parents shortly.

Grass Please

If you have any fresh, clean grass on or around your property please remind your child to pick it for our rabbits Bonny and Clyde to nibble on in class. Thank you.

Happy Birthday

This term to: Greyson, Ziggy, Denzel, Harry, Lily, Rhea, Mohini and Jenna.

Curriculum

Our main focus for the term will be an integrated study on Ancient Egypt. In groups students will select and study an aspect of this high interest topic and create an informative inquiry learning activity to share their specialised knowledge with the class in an effective way. The class will have the opportunity to view and discuss the discovery of remarkable archaeological findings and how these have shaped our understanding of this ancient culture. Students will also learn to develop concise instructional pieces of writing to suit a purpose and use this skill to outline the mummification process. Groups will practise their dramatic skills by selecting and performing a defining moment in Egyptian history to entertain an audience. To stretch their artistic muscle, students will craft detailed miniature models and we will also look into the use of hieroglyphics and apply these to create our own cartouches.

Other areas of learning this term are:

MATHEMATICS - Multiplication and Division, Area and Volume.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Hockey, Winter Sports and Ki - o - rahi game.

MARINE STUDY - Continue with action plan for Experiencing Marine Reserves.

ZERO WASTE - Our focus will be on resource sustainability for the future.

MATARIKI - Astronomy, cultural craft activities, Marae etiquette.

TE REO MAORI - Making Te Reo a part of our daily conversation.

TECHNOLOGY - Year 8 Manual = Fabric, Year 7 Manual = Art.

On Fridays Year 6 students will continue to work on their beehive inquiry project with Miss Jane and produce a school radio show with Miss Telfar.

Homework

I would like to commend Room 5 students for their excellent homework habits last term. Most often homework is set on Mondays to be handed in on the Friday of that week. However in some instances students will be given homework tasks that may need longer preparation time and therefore a due date will be given. Students will record these in their logbook and will be regularly reminded of these alternative arrangements. Emma at the public library will continue to run the STUDY CLUB on Tuesdays at 3.15pm for those who would like assistance accessing resources or who just need some motivated company to get their homework done.

Class Routines

FOOD IN CLASS: Students may snack in class on fruit, veggies or nuts.

They must ensure their snacks are not messy, noisy or inhibit their work.

LOGBOOKS: Please continue to check your child's logbook every Monday where they have recorded their school work commitments and other events.

Students have a new sheet with all their important details for Term 2, glued into the front pages of their logbook. Feel free to write any messages in the logbooks for me to check.

STATIONERY: Some students have found they need to update some of their stationery this term. The school office has a stock of everything on the class stationery list if you would like to purchase items for your child.