



# Room 5 Newsletter

## Term 3, 2012

### Dear Parents/Caregivers:

We have some exciting things proposed for the Term 3 agenda and Room 5 students have a lot to look forward to, for the next 11 weeks.

Students will be adding a whole swag more to their logbooks this term so please check and discuss these regularly with your child. Continue to encourage your child to use their logbook to manage all their commitments and responsibilities in and out of school.

Near the end of the term we will start to prepare for our school Wearable Arts Show ready for kick off in Term 4. We will let you know when we need some volunteer parents on the scene! This will be a huge endeavour and we will need support and expertise from our community members. An extremely rewarding learning experience for all Tairua students to get involved in. Keep an eye on the school newsletter for more details.

If you have anything you would like to discuss with me, I am more than happy to arrange a meeting time. Mornings are usually a bit busy, however feel free to come by after school as I am regularly available in Room 5.

Kind Regards,  
Miss Samantha Telfar

### Tairua Citizens

This term Room 5 students will be enhancing their ability to be: **'Zestful for knowledge & learning'**: As students conduct their inquiry studies they will become experts, passing new found knowledge onto others with spirit to inspire them to take interest in a topic.

**'Engaged in others welfare'**: By performing co operative group tasks students learn to take turns, do their fair share and utilise individual strengths and skills. Everyone must take an active role in a group project to show a shared understanding of the final outcome.

**Able to show appreciation that it is 'Not all about me'**: By sharing responsibility and taking action to care for a classroom pet and our local environment during Keep NZ Beautiful week. Also by supporting Bandana sales to raise funds for Canteen (child cancer) and exhibiting a deep sense of compassion for this important cause.

### Extra Curricular

- Volunteer readers who will accompany Mrs Lloyd to Tairua Age Care each Wednesday at 1pm are: Brody, Jack, Maddie and Flynn.
- The creative writing group for this term is: Paris, Tara, Abbi, Ruby, Thomas, Ziggy, Cade and Marlow. Creative Writing has now changed to every Thursday afternoon from 2.00-3.00pm and students may go straight home after their session.

### Camp Time!

Camps for this term are planned and booked and information will be going home in the next few weeks.

WEEK 8: The highly anticipated biannual Year 7/8 Ski Camp to Tongoriro will need 5 keen and able parents to accompany us for 6 days (Sun - Fri). Ratios of men/women will have to be considered and if you will be available please let Miss Telfar know asap.

WEEK 9: Year 6 students and teacher from Room 5 will join Room 4 Years 5/6 students on a thrilling camp to Waitomo. Thank you to all those parents who assisted with the fund-raising BBQ last term.

### Room 5 Blog

Tairua School website is up and running and full steam ahead as we continue to learn how to use this resource to promote progress and achievement of Tairua Citizens. This term Room 5 students will be contributing a whole lot more to our classroom blog. Our 'Citizen of the Week' winner will be posted along with students work, updates and anything we are particularly proud of. Student leaders will also be working hard to upload their profiles and show us what they are up to. So log us as a 'favourite' on your browser and watch this space!

# Term 3 Events

- 23rd July - Maori Language Week
- 27th July - ROOM 5 ASSEMBLY
- 27th July - 2012 Olympics starts
- 2nd August - Australian Maths Competition
- 9th August - Tairua School X Country (Pepe reserve)
- 11th August - Tairua Sports Club Junior Prize giving
- 12th August - Olympics Ends
- 13th August - St Johns Safe Kids Programme
- 16th August - Peninsula X Country (Coromandel town)
- 29th August - Thames Valley X Country
- 2nd - 7th September - Year 7/8 BMAC Ski Camp
- 10th September - Conservation Week
- 11th - 14th September - Year 6 (Room 4) Camp
- 17th September - Keep NZ Beautiful Week
- 17th - 28th September - Canteen Bandanas on sale/worn
- 25th September - Maths Day

## Class Routines

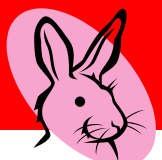
### HOMEWORK

Weekly homework is a regular commitment for all classes and in Room 5, students know there are 2 expectations; to be handed in on time and to complete it to their best! Learning to manage all their afterschool activities is a vital skill for future schooling and, I'm sure we can all agree, life in general.

Emma at the Tairua library will be running a study group designed to assist any Tairua School students with their homework and to encourage positive organisation. This study group will be once a week, after school, early in the week. Students need to bring along their own stationary and snacks. Adults will be supervising and assist students where they can and guide them to use the resources already available at our town library (internet, books etc!).

### CLASS PET

Room 5 will soon welcome a new fluffy addition to our classroom. Students will be responsible for naming, caring and training our pet rabbit to invoke a shared sense of guardianship and care for a communal pet. Students will study the habits, needs, advantages and values related to rabbit ownership and general animal welfare. Further details will go home in students logbooks when our class pet is introduced.



## Bits and Bobs

- I would like to have a microwave in our classroom available for Room 5 students to use. If you have a spare, electrically sound microwave at home, we would whole heartedly appreciate your kind donation. Please let me know as I am happy to pick up if need be.
- Yummy stickers - Last year we earned enough points to get some great gear for the pool and sports shed. Bring in your stickers to add to the class sheet or take a spare sticker collection sheet home to fill up yourself!
- Please if you have any wool you can contribute to our class collection we need a whole lot of fibres and colours for our handcrafts unit. Maybe Grandmas/Nanas have a few balls of wool they have spare?
- Brag books will be going home in week 2 with samples of students work for families to view. Students know to transport all books in their protective book bags.

## Curriculum

We will continue with our Music and Radio Study from last term and work closely with Bruce from Tairua Radio FM to record, critique and finally perform our shows 'on air'. The 2012 London Olympics is a 3 week global event that will include a cooperative inquiry on each Olympic even to gain a full understanding of what is involved for each sport. Students will also appreciate and share their knowledge by preparing an experiential peer teaching task on the Olympic sport they focus on.

Other areas of learning this term are:

Mathematics - **ALGEBRA, MONEY AND PROBABILITY.**

Science - **INSECT ANATOMY**  
Health/Well being - **CAMP SAFETY AND HYGIENE.**

Physical Education - **HOCKEY, CROSS COUNTRY, ULTIMATE FRISBEE.**

Visual Art - **PAINTING LANDSCAPES, INSECT ARTWORK INSPIRED BY RICHARD KILLEEN.**

Te Reo Maori - **COMMON CONVERSATION & PERSONAL MIHI**

Year 6 have formed a school ukulele band and will attend formal music lessons every Friday. They will then make regular visits to Tairua Age Care to perform what they have learnt. Later in the term this group will also start an investigation on 'the lost art of handcrafts'.