



Nelson Central
School

Term One, 2009

Room 9 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DAYS:

Monday:

- Class News
- Library (personal borrowing if book returned),
- Homefun goes home (from W3),
- Whole School Assembly (every 2nd week)
- Swimming (until approx W5/6)
- Bring poem books back to school

Tuesday:

- Thinking Hat Tuesday talk topic.
- Swimming (until approx W5/6)

Wednesday:

- Group news
- ICT /elearning time
- Swimming (until approx W5/6)

Thursday:

- Drama with Jo (during T1)
- Swimming (until approx W5/6)

Friday:

- Buddy spelling testing
- Junior Choir
- Kowhai Assembly
- Buddy time
- Poem of week

Messages from Room 9

It has been a pleasure getting to know your children over the past few days. We have had a great start to the year and are working well together as a class.

This is my 7th year teaching (3rd year at Nelson Central) and I am passionate about teaching junior students – all my teaching has been at years 1-3! My role at Nelson Central, in addition to being a classroom teacher, is also that of ICT/elearning Leader. My expertise means occasionally I am away presenting & attending conferences or leading teacher professional development in other schools around New Zealand. Your child will have exciting opportunities to engage, gain skills in and use ICT tools/equipment to benefit and enhance their learning throughout the year.

I am looking forwards to a great year working with you and your child. This newsletter will hopefully inform and catch you up on what we will be learning about and the “inner workings” of our class!

Things to know about...

Hats:

Hats are essential in Terms 1 & 4, please make sure your child has their named hat at school each day so they are able to play outside at morning tea and lunchtimes.

Swimming:

We are scheduled for swimming each day starting NEXT WEEK. Students will need their togs and towel for all days. It is really helpful if items are named in case of mixups.

Library:

Our library day is Monday. Students are able to borrow one book if they have returned their last one. Book bags are also essential for borrowing. Library books are brought back to school the following Monday.

Trips:

There will be many occasions throughout the year when we need parent assistance for supervision and transport on trips. Frequent trips include those to the Suter Art Gallery and the Nelson Museum. Keep an eye out for notices going home regarding opportunities to attend trips with us.

Drink Bottles:

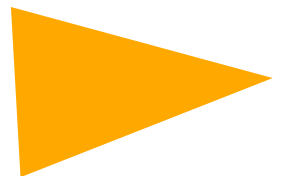
Bottles filled with water are able to be kept on students' desks. If you give your child juice for their lunch, please provide another named bottle (just for water) to be placed on their desk where they can have access to throughout the day. Especially in this hot weather, drinking water is essential to your child being able to concentrate and learn.

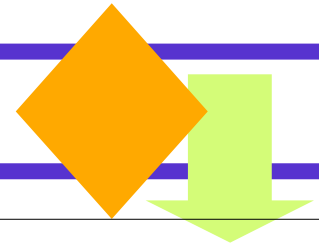
Book bags:

Please encourage your child to pack their book bag at night or in the morning with all they need. Remember that the home reader book, Homefun book and reading log notebook “LIVE” in the book bag and should not be separated! They all need to come to school **each day**.

Contact Sheets:

Our Room 9 contact sheet is important so that both myself and the school has your most up to date details in case we need to contact you urgently. Please return these completed to school as soon as possible.





Tawona Beach Trip

Thursday 12th February

\$3 and permission slip to Rachel asap!

Homefun:

Homework AKA 'Homefun' officially starts next week.

You will find the Homefun book set up with lots of information to assist you when working with your child. Please spend some time looking through these information sheets when they come home next week.

Each night students have reading, spelling and a maths activity to learn. Books need to be brought back to school each day in the book bag. The reading log notebook is for parents to complete the name of the book/story the child read that night. Spelling words are buddy tested on Fridays.

Nibbles:

After lunch most days is an opportunity for students to have 'nibbles' while a story is read to the class. This could be good opportunity for your child to finish their lunch or eat an extra snack that has been packed.

Student Teachers:

I am an Associate Teacher for the Christchurch College of Education and so Room 9 may have times when we have "two teachers" throughout the year. This is a fantastic opportunity for our class that also holds benefits of allowing me time to do one-on-one individual teaching with students as well as mentoring and coaching the next generation of kiwi teachers.

Parent Help:

As well as attending & helping on class trips, there will also be chances to assist within the classroom as parent help once we have established our routines, got to know each other better and worked out where help is most advantageous. A note will be sent home in a few weeks regarding this.

Class Blog:

Our class blog will enable you to keep up to date with your child's learning. Info sheets will be sent home about this once we have started adding to it as a class.

LEARNING THIS TERM:

Literacy:

Oral language (Speaking & expressing ideas, listening to speakers);

Reading (close reading of instructional texts);

Writing (recounting and recording experiences, support ideas with some detail);

Spelling and Handwriting (basic words, formation & legibility)

Numeracy/Maths:

Statistics (graphing);

Numeracy (addition and subtraction knowledge and strategies + Basic Facts);

Position and orientation.

Inquiry/Integrated Topic:

Citizenship is Everyone's Business: Getting Along Together & Our Cool School.

We will be learning about relationships with other people and what roles people in our school have.

Physical Education/Sport:

Swimming & small ball skills (catching & throwing)

Te Reo/Maori:

Greetings, instructions, body parts & waiata.

The Arts:

Music (beat and tempo); Drama (time and space); Visual art (drawing and painting).

ICT:

Contributing to the class blog, playing educational games for reinforcement and learning, recording and sharing learning in a multitude of digital ways.

I am looking forward to a fabulous rest of term!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries or concerns ☺

