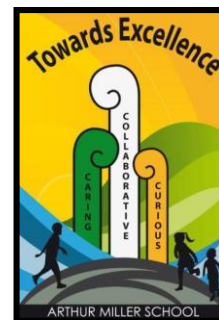


ROOM FOUR

CLASS NEWSLETTER - TERM FOUR



Welcome to the last term of 2014. Term 4 is a very busy few weeks, featuring end of year testing, exciting cultural and sporting events and outdoor education opportunities including;

- Optimist Yachting for Year 6 students and E.O.T.C. in Week 4.
- School Athletics in Week 3, with those selected to represent AMS participating in the Taradale Inter-school athletics in Week 6.
- Reading, Spelling and Maths testing over the next three weeks of term.

Inquiry

Our inquiry focus for this term is **S.O.L.E.**, which stands for Self Organised Learning Environments. This program gives students the chance to explore their personal passions and seek the answers to questions that excite them. S.O.L.E. also provides excellent practice in research skills, being discriminating with information working collaboratively in a small group and organising your learning to present to others.

Curriculum studies

Term 4 units of work include:-

- Recount writing – closely tied to our inquiry unit
- athletics and swimming for PE
- a continued focus on reading comprehension, fluency, building reading/writing vocabulary and reading for pleasure.
- money, mass and capacity, place value and geometry in Maths. Maths will continue to be cross grouped across the senior team.

Reporting

End of year reports will be coming home in the third week of December. This will be a summary of your child's effort and achievements throughout 2014.

Sports

Summer sports will soon be getting underway, including softball and cricket. Swimming will resume in late November as part of the regular P.E. programme.

Sun hats have been re-issued to all students and they are expected to wear them during any outdoor activity, particularly at morning tea and lunchtime. Sunscreen is available in the classroom and I encourage children to use this during outside activity.

Stationery

Please ensure that your child is ready for learning each day by having all necessary stationery items. This includes pens, pencils, rubber, ruler and pencil sharpener. Naming each of these items is a good idea, as students often misplace them and have trouble identifying them if they are not clearly marked.

Home learning

I will continue to keep a log of which students are completing their home learning tasks. If you find that your child is struggling to complete their home learning, due to the difficulty of the work, or time constraints, please contact me. This can be done with a note in your child's home learning book, a personal visit, or via telephone or email. Our class blog is an important part of our home learning with regular tasks and examples of work posted on the blog. We welcome your comments and feedback on the blog.

<http://mrmaloney.edublogs.org>

I look forward to our continued contact and a great fourth term.

Regards,
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