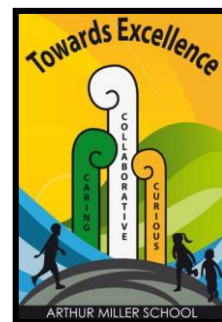


ROOM ELEVEN

CLASS NEWSLETTER - TERM FOUR



Welcome to the last term of 2015. Term 4 is a very busy few weeks, featuring end of year testing, exciting cultural and sporting events and outdoor education opportunities including;

- 28 October Year 6 Leavers Photograph
- 30 October Road Patrol Training
- 2-5 November Y6 Optimist Yachting
- 3 November Year 5 EOTC Kite Making and Hut Making
- 5 November Year 5 EOTC Tent Making and Hobo Stoves
- 10 November Athletics Sport
- 11 November Mathletics Competition TIS 6pm
- 12 November Y6 Visit to Taradale Intermediate
- 18 November Interschool Athletics sports
- 4 December Road Patrol Outing at Splash Planet
- 3 December Deep Water swimming survival skills at Greendale Pool
- 3 December Cultural Evening, 6pm
- End of year syndicate function TBA
- PALS activity at Hastings Sports Park TBA
- December School Leaver's BBQ TBA (? 9th Dec)
- 10 December Disco (Y4-6 6.45- 8pm)
- 11 December Riversdale Lifestyle Village Visit –for guitar, ukulele, choir and Kapahaka groups.
- 11 December -Yr 6 Leaving parents luncheon
- 11 December. Reports out to parents
- 15 December School Concert TIS
- 16 December- Last day of term
- Reading, Spelling and Maths testing in the next four 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.
- mass and capacity, geometry, statistics and money in Maths. Maths will continue to be cross grouped across the senior team.

Reporting

End of year reports will be coming home in the second week of December. This will be a summary of your child's effort and achievements throughout 2015.

Sports

Summer sports will soon be getting underway, including softball and cricket. Basketball starts again in week three and swimming will resume for all classes 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. If your child has problems accessing the internet to complete their homework I have computers available in class which they are welcome to use. Our class blog is an important part of our home learning with 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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