

Rooms Tawa, 6, 7, & 8 Term 3 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers/Pupils,

Welcome back. The holidays were a refreshing break for all of us after a very different second term. The pupils are re-invigorated, happy to be back with their friends and keen to leap into the challenges of the new term.

Topics we are covering this term:

Writing	Personal recounts, note taking related to our topic, speech writing
Reading	Guided reading groups and reading related activities focusing on comprehension and poetry
Mathematics	Fractions, ratios and proportions, statistics, algebraic patterns
Topic/Science	Completing our Biodiversity studies along with learning about the rocky Shore - focus on change
Physical Ed.	Cross country training and hockey skills
Health	What's the Plan Stan? (emergency preparation)
Language	Te Reo - word/s of the week

Homework/Class Blog

Please encourage your child to complete their homework and make sure they return their homework book every Friday. If you have any concerns, please see your child's teacher. Thank you for your continuing support. Keep an eye on your child's class blog to keep up to date with what's happening at school.

Interschool Sports

The interschool sports events will be held throughout this term. A huge thank you to everyone who offered to help coach their team. We have Lee Lash coaching the netball team, Chris Henwood coaching the rugby team and Ryan Eagar and Dave Kurth coaching the football team. Your time and effort is very much appreciated.

We are hosting two schools:

- Spotswood Primary on Wednesday 22nd July with games starting at 1:15pm (please note there will not be a rugby game as Spotswood Primary can not field a team).
- Saint Joseph's School on Friday 21st August with games starting at 1:15pm.

Our away game will be at:

- Frankley School on Friday 31st July with games also starting at 1:15pm.

For the games that we host (home games), we request that those children playing in the teams bring a plate of afternoon tea to share with the visitors on that day. To ensure a spread of choice, we would like the netball players to provide sweet items and the soccer and rugby players to provide savoury items.

Not all children are involved in the teams but we will all be supporting those who are playing during the home games. Family members and friends are welcome to come and support the pupils too.

Cross country

Pupils will be taking part in regular cross country training in preparation for the school cross country event. Pupils will learn to set themselves S.M.A.R.T (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound) goals, record achievements and choose appropriate warm up and cool down exercises. Even if pupils are not competitive in running, this is a chance for each child to improve their individual level of fitness. Pupils will be encouraged to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for physical activity on a daily basis.

- School Cross Country event at Corbett Park (1.5km) – Wednesday 19th August at Corbett Park 1pm-3pm (PP Tuesday 25th August)
- Coastal Cross Country in Omata (1.5km) – Tuesday 1st September at Omata School 1pm-3pm (pp Wednesday 2nd September)
- Taranaki Cross Country in Hawera (2km) – details will be in the school newsletter

Amazing Race - Year 6 Students

Year 6 students will take part in this exciting event at Oakura School with Year 6 students from Omata School and Taranaki Coastal School on Tuesday 15th September starting at 1:00pm, postponement date Tuesday 22nd September.

Clothing and footwear

Pupils will be asked to remove their shoes at the classroom doors this term in order to keep the carpets clean. A significant amount of clothing is taken to lost property on a regular basis. Please ensure that your child's clothing and footwear are clearly named. It may be a good idea for children to have a change of clothing for after break times, in case they get really muddy.

Science Fair

The science fair is coming up at the end of the term. If your child would like to complete the science fair as a home learning task and enter the competition, please email your child's teacher and the information will be forwarded to you. Please note that parents will be required to drop off displays and support their child on the competition day.

Let's Go

Thank you to those parents who have been supporting their children walking, biking, skating or scootering to school. It is great to see so many children travelling to school in an active and healthy way. Remember, if you live too far away you can drop your children off on South Road or behind the Four Square and they can walk from there. The main road crossing is supervised before and after school to help children cross safely. Pupils who walk, bike, skate, scooter or bus to school every day go into a prize draw which is drawn at our school assembly each week.

Thank you for your continuing support. We are all really enjoying the learning experiences in the Room Tawa, 6,7,8 team.

Kind regards, Judy Zieltjes, Megan Batley, Amy Buick and Julie Salisbury