



Room 2 Newsletter

Kia ora and welcome to Term 4, 2017.

WOW - Term 4 already! I can hardly believe we are nearing the end of the year. Time sure has flown by this year for me. It has been an incredibly fulfilling year for me working with your wonderful tamariki. They are the reason I get out of bed each morning and come to work. Thank you for sharing them with me and Featherston School - it has been a privilege. Featherston School sure is growing and it is wonderful to work in place with such a positive vibe!

Housekeeping:

Spelling days are Monday and Friday - your child needs to have their spelling notebooks at school for these two days each week. The other days the notebooks should be in their book bags to give them the opportunity to learn their words for the week.

Library day is Thursday. The children will have a book for the week (or they can renew it if they haven't finished with it) each Thursday and these need the following Thursday.

Stationery. Please ensure your children have the correct stationery for class for the year. Your child needs a pair of working headphones for computer work. Please check in with them that they are working properly.

Classroom Learning

Literacy



Your child will bring home a book most days of the week to share with you. To ensure fluency and reading for meaning they may bring the same book home for two nights. Some things you could do at home to assist with their success are:

- showing an interest in them as a reader and a writer
- practising spelling words each week
- reading lots of books to them and talking about the pictures and storyline or information with them - asking lots of "why do you think?" questions
- being a great role model - let your child catch *you* reading or writing something!

In writing, we will be focussing on hooking our readers in using a strong beginning and also understanding what our purpose is for writing.

Panui (News). Scruffy Rex will go home with a different child each Friday and spend the weekend with them. The children are required to fill in a page or two in his Adventure Book (everything is supplied in his bag and pencil case). You are welcome to send any photos you would like printed to me by 8am on Monday morning (jocelyn@featherston.school.nz).

On a Monday news will be discussing what our weekends were filled with, and of course, sharing what Scruffy Rex's adventures with the children have been.



Numeracy

We are looking at Place, Face and Total Value of a number in maths this term. This is a vital part of number knowledge and helps the children when working with numbers in many ways. It can be the most integral part of a child's knowledge in number in helping them understand the way our number system works in 10s.

? Inquiry

Our inquiry this term is all about Celebrations. We will be looking at various celebrations in our lives and how our different cultures celebrate them in different and similar ways. Our whanau night this term will be a special celebration of the learning we have done in the Inquiry. Our whanau night is Wednesday, 6 December.



Fitness/PE

We are busy practising for our Athletics Day this week, which feeds into the Intercluster Athletics later in the term for successful students. We have certainly been lucky with the weather for our practise days - long may it last! We will be swimming in the last couple of weeks of term. Athletics Day is on **THIS THURSDAY** (postponement date is Friday).



Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas break. Enjoy your time together with whanau. As the saying goes - Eat, drink and be merry. I look forward to seeing you in 2018.

If you have any questions or need clarification on any of the children's learning, please feel free to pop in and have a chat (or message me via Dojo!)

Kia pai to ra

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