

Puriri Syndicate News Term Two 2009

Welcome back to Term Two, after an eventful first term, there is a lot more to come over the next nine weeks.

Sustainability

We are launching into our theme for Term 2, Sustainability/Kaitiakitanga with the school wide underlying question of "Am I a Guardian?". The Puriri Team will be looking closely at things such as water cycles, ecology, and marine reserves and will culminate in Science Fair towards the end of term.

We will also be visiting the National Science and Technology RoadShow with a focus on Sustainability to support our learning.

Homework

A friendly reminder that students will have homework every week. This involves reading for 20 minutes a night. These can be books from the School or local Libraries, newspapers or a book of their own. This is important to maintain the learning that is occurring in the classroom.

Spelling words will be sent home every week. It is essential your child learns these words weekly as they will be tested to ensure mastery.

Extra tasks may be sent home from time to time to support classroom learning experiences depending on individual classes.

Sport and Fitness

This term we have moved into our winter codes of Soccer, Hockey, Netball and Rugby. We are lucky enough again to be supported by the Student Teachers from the Faculty of Education as sports coaches working along side our own teaching staff.

This term we also have exchanges every three weeks with our first being against Cornwall Park in Week 3. Most sports will be played around the school however Soccer will be traveling to Cornwall Park to play on our first exchange. Please check the school daysheet, which is accessible from outside the school on the day of the exchanges for updates and information.

We will continue with Thursday morning fitness, which involves either running or a fitness circuit. Please ensure students have the correct footwear for this as it reduces the chance of injury. We will also be taking part in Jump Jam Aerobics sessions once a week.

Arts/PE Rotation

The Puriri team will be running a teaching rotation system on a Friday afternoon utilizing staff strengths and passions to provide learning experiences in Dance, Drama, Te Reo (Maori Language) and Te Reo Kori (Physical Education). Each class will participate in two afternoons with each teacher.

Uniforms

It is important to ensure children are wearing correct school uniform. As leaders in the school, please encourage your child to model for the younger children by setting an example.

Regards,

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