

EPSOM NORMAL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Totara Team

Rooms 25, 26, 27 and 28

20 October 2010

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome back for the last term for 2010. The year has certainly gone by very fast. We hope you have had a very enjoyable and relaxing break with your families, and are looking forward to the summer weather. This is a busy term and we are already well into our learning. We are looking forward to many exciting and fun events coming up. To link with our overall theme for 2010 "Positive Connections", the teachers have been planning an original and unique school production that will take place towards the end of the term. The production is planned for the week of the 6th of December. We will let you know about the details of this as the term progresses and we look forward to your involvement and help with this rich learning experience. Please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible if your child will not be able to participate in this event.

Curriculum Topics for Term Four:

The Arts- 'I am a Performer'

We will be focusing on learning about the arts and exploring dance, music and visual art, with a strong focus and emphasis on drama.

The Big Ideas for this topic include:

- We are all performers;
- Our body, voice and stature can express what we think and feel;
- When we act, we become someone else in their entirety;
- Actors/performers retell fiction/ non-fiction stories.

Our chosen proverb for this term is from William Shakespeare, *"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players: They have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts."*

If you are able to help in anyway with this production, please speak with your child's teacher and fill out the form below. We are currently creating teams of adults who would like to contribute ideas or time to costume design and development. Many other opportunities will arise during the term to contribute to the production. If you have any specific skills that you feel would be of value, please get in touch!

Health/Physical Education – Athletic skills.

Language, Reading and Mathematics programmes continue daily. Maori and Information Technology may be integrated with the above themes, as appropriate.

Homework tasks continue as for the previous term.

1. Reading - 10-15 minutes daily.
2. Preparation of a News item - Monday - weekend news in Buzz Groups; Tuesday - personal news or impromptu talk; Wednesday - Current Events; Thursday - Science/Technology; Friday - poem or book.
3. Spelling words /mathematics basic facts to learn weekly.
4. Specific tasks set by teachers.

The school bell rings at 8:55 am. However, it is important that the children get to school by 8:45 a.m. to enable them to prepare for the morning. We are developing independence in the children and expect them to come in to school by themselves,

and do their morning tasks in preparation for the day ahead before the bell rings. As the first period of the day now goes until 10:55 am, please ensure your child has a brain snack and a healthy morning tea to give them enough energy until the lunch break at 1:00 pm. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle as the weather is heating up.

As we are in to Term 4 it is compulsory for all children to wear an E.N.P.S sunhat when outside. Please ensure your child has a named sunhat at school each day. As many children walk home each afternoon in the hottest part of the day, it is a good idea, if possible, to keep one hat at school in their tote tray and one in their schoolbag. The school provides sun block.

Please also help your child to take pride in their school and to wear the correct uniform each day. Shoes or sandals are to be black or brown and any hairpiece plain dark blue, dark green or white. All clothing needs to be clearly named.

Events to note:

Athletics morning: Tuesday 16 November. Save day Thursday 18 November.

School Production:

Wednesday 8 December 6:30 pm

Thursday 9 December 12:30 pm Matinee, and 6:30 pm

Communication: Please remember that a lot of information is sent home in school wide newsletters. You can also access newsletters on the school website at <http://epsomnormalprimary.school.nz>.

We thank you for all your support and help this year with your child's learning.

Yours sincerely

Helen Kilgour, Kate Cope, Carly Bishop, Kathy Ngan

Totara Team Teachers

Year 2 Production Team

Parents please fill in:

I can help with

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Name: _____ **Tel. Number:**

Child's Name: _____ **Room:**

Signed: _____