



# Team 4 Newsletter

Term 3, 2011



Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back Year 4 students for term 3. We hope you had a fun and safe break and are ready for another engaging term of learning.

## What's Happening in Term 3?

- **SOCIAL STUDIES** – Our global statement for this year is 'Wonderful Willowbank' and the question is 'What makes Willowbank Unique?' This term as part of our global focus we are looking at the question 'How can we help our community?' We will also be looking at the cultures within our community and how we can be good citizens within our community. The Rugby World Cup will also be a focus as we look at the different countries that are coming to New Zealand and their different cultures.
- **THE ARTS** – This term each teacher in team 4 is taking an art from the Visual Arts Curriculum. Every Wednesday afternoon students will have a series of 4 lessons with each teacher in the discipline of Drama, Dance, Music and Te Reo. They will rotate between each teacher over the next two terms.
- **MATHEMATICS** – For the first 4 weeks students will be focusing on Measurement with time, length, area, capacity and weight. The learning will be based around gaps in students learning. It would benefit your child if you can please support them in telling the time using 12 and 24 hour clock. Then from week 5 they will be gaining knowledge and learning strategies to solve problems based on fractions, proportions and ratios. A friendly reminder that children need to do 45 minutes of mathematics per week for success. Remember to practice times tables, basic facts and place value with children - sing them, read them, ask them facts.
- **WRITING** – For the first 2 weeks students will be writing to recount events, from weeks 3- 6 students will be writing poetically and from weeks 7-10 we will be writing narratives. This could change based on students' needs and the curriculum topics being inquired into.
- **READING** – The programmes in classrooms vary depending on classroom learning foci.

## Uniform Expectations

Thank you for sending your child to school in the correct uniform. We appreciate parents/caregivers taking the time to name each part of their child's uniform, as it makes it easier to find the owner of any lost items. To keep our learning environments clean, we also ask that if student's shoes are dirty that they take them off before entering the classroom. The correct footwear for winter are plain black shoes with socks.

Year 4 students are required to have a PE uniform as part of the Willowbank uniform requirements. If your child does not have the correct PE uniform please order it from the office. We begin cross-country this term so please ensure your child has sport shoes to run in for health and safety reasons. It is important that your child wears their correct school uniform to school and home from school. Students are expected to change into their PE uniform during breaks.

# Keeping You Informed

Event	Date
Daffodil Day – Mufti Day	25 <sup>th</sup> August
Fathers Day Breakfast	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
NZ- athon	From weeks 5-7
PTA Disco	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September
Mufti Day	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October

## THE WILLOWBANK WAY

At Willowbank School we:

### DISCOVER POTENTIAL

*by giving everything a go to the best of our ability.*

### DEVELOP LEARNING

*by learning to think and thinking to learn.*

### NURTURE RELATIONSHIPS

*by respecting ourselves and others.*

## School Timetable

Our school timetable is:

First learning block:	8.55am – 11.00am
Morning tea:	11.00am – 11.20am
Second learning block:	11.20am – 12.30pm
Lunch:	12.30pm – 1.30pm
Third learning block	1.30pm – 3.00pm

Please make sure your child is at school before 8.55am so that they can get changed into their PE gear and get their things ready for the day.

Kind Regards

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