



Team Kiwi

Newsletter

Term 2 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope everyone had a great holiday and is ready for a busy and exciting term. Welcome to Jo Thompson and to our new children starting school this term.

Who & Where

Kathy Danielz	Rm 19
Ginelle Webb	Rm 19
Jo Thompson	Rm 18
Kirsty Gray	Rm 17 (Team Leader)



Uniform Expectations

Thank you for sending your child in the correct winter uniform. We have lovely new classroom environments and to look after them we ask children to take their shoes off before entering the classroom. It would be fantastic if you could send your child in correct but also appropriate footwear eg velcro shoes. Remember school shoes need to be plain black and named! As it is now winter, children do **not** need to bring their sunhats to school.

We really appreciate those parents/caregivers who take the time to name each part of their child's uniform. If it is found and named it can be returned.

Please remember to check your child's belongings regularly as sometimes the wrong sweatshirt or hat can make its way into the wrong bag. If you do find you have a piece of uniform that

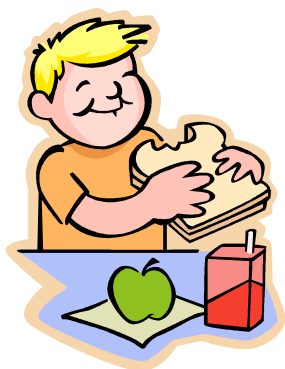
is not yours please bring into school and the teachers can help you source the correct one.

Meeting with Teachers

At Willowbank School we have an open door policy. The teachers are happy to discuss any concerns or questions that you may have about your child's learning.

Teachers are available in their classrooms from 8.30am. I would like to remind you that learning begins at 8.55am and from the moment the bell goes it is our job to begin teaching. You are welcome to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you are unable to arrive at school before 8.55am.

Children new to Willowbank will have their BSA (Beginning School Assessment) conference later this term. This is where the teacher, parents and child meet together to discuss the initial assessment the teachers have completed and set the next learning goals. More information will be sent home in the next few weeks where you will be able to schedule an appointment.



Brain Food

This term we will be introducing 'Brain food' into our morning programme. It is well known that eating healthy food enhances learning so at Willowbank the children will have a brain food break at approximately 9:50am. Please send along a small healthy brain food snack eg fresh fruit, veges, raisins, cheese, popcorn etc. We also ask that children have only water in their drink bottles. Thank you in anticipation.

Just a reminder that we do have children with severe food allergies in Kiwi Awhina, therefore we ask that you do not send

food containing nuts or eggs in your child's lunch. Thank you in anticipation for your understanding.

Learning At Home

Children will bring home reading books Monday to Friday. This will be a book they have read with the teacher. On Friday they will bring their poetry book home to share with you. Your child will also have a wordring to learn.

Information to support this home learning can be found in your child's bookbag.

You will also receive a page of home learning ideas relating to our current topic of learning. These will provide your child with a range of experiences that are designed to support their knowledge and understanding in class. They are lots of fun- Enjoy getting involved!!

Home Learning is about consolidating learning and establishing homework routines. It is designed to be fun and not a time consuming activity.



Celebration of Learning – Science

This term we have been learning about Forces and Motion in Science. We have enjoyed carrying out scientific experiments to gain a better understanding of this concept. Mid way through this term we will have an open afternoon in which we would like to celebrate this learning with you. Watch this space for more information closer to the time.

**Thanks for your continued support in
your child's learning**

Kirsty, Kathy, Ginelle and Jo ☺