

Junior Newsletter

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Welcome to Term 3!

We hope you all enjoyed the holidays – the sunny weather was certainly a pleasant, and welcome addition to the mid Winter break.

It was lovely to see the children return to school on Monday, refreshed and full of energy, ready to share their holiday news with their teachers and classmates.

At the conclusion of last term, many children were unwell, and we thank you for choosing to keep them at home if they were ill.

As always, we have many exciting events planned for the term, across the curriculum. This begins next week with our Maori Language Week, and our Pacific visitors, the Cross Country in Week 3, Road Safety Week in Week 8, to name just a few....

Pasifika

At the conclusion of our wonderful Sportathon last term, we introduced the children to their new topic of work “Pasifika”. This is under the umbrella of *How we express ourselves*. Throughout the term we will be investigating the variety of ways people express themselves through arts, crafts, dance and culture in the Pacific.

A highlight of this will be the visit from the Pacific Mamas, next Tuesday and Thursday. They will be taking each junior class through a range of cultural activities.

Many thanks to those parents who have sent in brochures, books or artefacts relating to the Pacific Islands. If you have anything else you think may be of use to the class, please send it in.

Friendly Reminders

PE Uniform

Please remember to send your child to school with both their PE and school uniform on PE days. It is important both are clearly named.

Dragon Drive

Please make sure your children are using the Dragon Drive as opposed to the staff drive when arriving and leaving school.



Building Update

The new classrooms are now well on their way, and should be completed in the next few weeks. Room 11 and 13 are all settled in their new spaces, and Room 12 and 14 are very excited about moving in very soon! We thank you all for your patience and support during this project – the finished product is going to be a great benefit for both the children and the teachers.

In addition, the playground has undergone some renovations. It is looking very smart and exciting, and will also be ready for use during the next few weeks.



Lunches

As part of encouraging a clean, green environment in our school, we have been promoting rubbish free lunches with the children. Below is an example of a really useful lunchbox, with individual compartments and containers for various foods.

Maori Language Week

This is happening next week, and on Wednesday the junior children will be involved in a rotation, participating in a variety of cultural activities. We will also be watching a Kapa Haka group at assembly next Friday. During reading times we will be exploring well known Maori myths and legends.

Thank you...

Once again the junior team would like to thank you all for your support in all that we do at Victoria Avenue School. Whether it's helping in the classroom, making resources, putting away books in the book room, helping with the PTS events... the list is endless – every bit of help, no matter how large or small is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all at one of the many events this term.

The Junior Syndicate

