



Mahuri Newsletter

Term 3, 2019

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you had a great break and an opportunity to sleep in during the holidays. We have a very exciting term ahead!

Mahuri Year One Start-Up Class

Miss Julia McLeod will be opening our Year One class in the Mahuri Hub at the beginning of Week 5, Monday 19th August. She will be working closely with both the Hub and Mahuri I and K to meet the needs of these learners.

Julia will be in our school on Thursday 15th and Friday the 16th of August getting to know the children and routines. Children transferring into Julia's class have been notified and parents of these children have been invited to come in for a 'meet and greet' on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning.

The NEST - Nurturing Environment Supporting Transition

Mahuri Hub have a programme running for the first part of the morning to help settle and transition the newest children into school. These children are rotating around activities that teach fine motor skills, develop relationships and social skills along with oral language. This programme is currently in the Monster Room and will run until the end of week 4. The Monster Room then becomes known as the Mahuri M Class being taught by Miss McLeod. Mrs. Breach and Mrs. Spittal will have children leaving their class at the end of week 4 to be in Miss McLeod's class and therefore will have smaller class sizes. They will continue to integrate the NEST philosophy and activities into their programmes to support the children transitioning during the remainder of the year.

Learning Celebration

DATE: Thursday 8th of August

Refer to the school newsletter for ticket sales or contact our school office.

We would like our Mahuri Team children to meet in the meeting room at the back of the supper room in their costumes. Doors open at 6pm but your child is **not** required to meet until 6:30pm. **Parents must attend this event with their children and stay on site at the Methven Memorial Hall ready for pick up directly after their stage performance at approximately 7:10pm.**

Reading Homework Is IMPORTANT

Please ensure homework is being signed in the diary each day.

The reading homework given is to support in-class teaching and is essential to your child's continued progress. A fluent reader makes their reading sound like talking. Reading with fluency also supports the reading strategies we teach your child during guided reading sessions.

Daily reading develops fluency and you can support your child by listening to them practice their reading of familiar books each night. Books children have previously had with the teacher or from their baskets provide this opportunity for your child to read with fluency and confidence.

Inquiry Focus

This term our curriculum focus is Science and we will be inquiring about The Living World. We are focused on supporting our children to ask questions. This will help them gain more information to get a better understanding and to make connections to prior experiences.

Any parents who have an interest or job around plants, animals, seeds, birds or bugs please come in and chat with the class teacher. We would love to have more parents involved!

STAR Values : Term 3 STAR value - **RESPONSIBLE**.

Our main focus this term is: **Be responsible for our own belongings**

This requires students to -

Having clothing and belongings named.

Put their clothing and belongings back in the correct place.

Keep bag area tidy and bags zipped up.

Remember to look after their scooters.

Drink bottles

We encourage each child to bring a **named** drink bottle (filled with **ONLY** water!!)

School Times

School is open from 8.30am - 3.30pm each day. **Children are not to arrive at school before 8.30am**. Please arrive by 8.50am so your child can have time to organise and ready themselves for the day

Library Times

Our library exchange is on Friday mornings. If you could have your child to put their books in their bags on Thursday night that would be appreciated.

Seesaw

We use Seesaw as a team to share your child's learning that occurs throughout the year. Please see your child's teacher if you have not yet joined up.

Below is a list of our email addresses if you need to contact us. You can also contact us by ringing the school office or writing a note in the Homework Diary. Please come in and talk to us with any concerns you have; no matter how big or small.

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