



Work Together
Think Together
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Tipuranga Team Newsletter

Term One 2012

West End School—The “Thinking” School

Welcome...

Welcome back to school! Term 1 is always exciting for our children in Tipuranga Team—they have been at school for a while now and know the exciting things that happen here—and they love catching up with their friends

Our team is:

Room 5—Year 2—Paulette Lloyd

(Kelly Donald on Fridays)

Room 13—Year 2/3- Janet

Blackmore

Room 14—Year 2/3—Caroline

Hacking

Partnership...

We want to remind parents and caregivers that your child's learning is a partnership. It requires the school, parents, whanau, caregivers and the child to be fully involved. If you want to know more about how you can be involved then please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Portfolios...

As many of you will be aware, our greatest tool for reporting your child's learning across a year is their portfolio. The portfolios this year will be organised into the Key Competency areas:

Thinking

Relating to others

Using language, symbols and texts

Managing self

Participating and contributing

Your classroom teacher will discuss these at our meetings on 14 February at 6.30pm.

These meetings are for parents and are held in each classroom.

Sunhats

School Board policy requires all our children to wear approved sunhats for terms 1 and 4. Thank you for your support of this, in protecting your child's sun safety.

Homework...

In Tipuranga Team homework will mainly be reading each night of the week—one or two books will come home for you and your child to share. Some classes may also send home an alphabet and poetry book. Please take time to support your child in this valuable work.

Swimming...

As swimming is part of our PE curriculum, children are expected to swim during the weekly time their classroom attends. Please send a note from home if your child is medically unable to swim that day—if unwell we expect they will be at home.

Room 5 Tuesday— 1.50pm

Room 13 Wednesday—1.20pm

Room 14 Tuesday—2.20pm

The pool has asked us to remind parents of the following:

- Children with long hair must have it tied up or in a swimming cap.
- Children are not to wear boxers under their togs.
- Boys togs legs to be above the knee and lined.
- Children are not to wear baggy body suits. They need to be tight fitting.



All of me.

Our Inquiry learning focus this term is about being an Inquirer, asking questions, and finding out about ourselves, our family, and groups we belong to. Your child may come home with questions about things you did when you were a child at school. You may have photos that can come to school that your child can share with the class and talk about.

Part of this learning will be practising the skills of asking and answering questions, and sharing information with others using different forms of technology and art.

We plan to hold a parent afternoon towards the end of the term and invite our children to share their learning with you.

Tipuranga Class Information

Maths

Room 5— Our maths focus this term will be on Number with additional learning in Statistics (Investigation) and Algebra (Patterns and relationships).

Room 13—Our maths focus this term will be on Number with additional learning in Measurement (Length) and Geometry (Graphs and Statistics).

Room 14—Our maths focus will also be on Number with additional learning in Statistics (Investigation).

Library

Children are able to bring two books home each week. They are also able to change their library books during lunchtimes themselves if they want to. Library days for our team are:

Room 5—Thursday 11.40am

Room 13— Tuesday 10.50am

Room 14— Tuesday 2.20pm

Ultrane~~t~~ Class Pages

If you use the Internet, we hope you already have a family password so that you can access your child's class page on our Ultrane~~t~~. This is a West End School community only site so is safe for children to put their learning and thinking on. You may find samples of writing, maths and other learning on each class page as well as links to useful websites. Passwords are available from the school office.

If you would like to talk to us about your child please arrange a suitable meeting time for both of us. Some times an "on the spot" conversation is not the best. We would like time to have information ready to share with you if needed. We look forward to your support and interest in your child's learning this term,

Important Dates...

6th Feb	Waitangi Day holiday
14th Feb	Parent Evening , Tipuranga Team at 6.30pm in your child's classroom
20 Feb	Good Kids Time (buddy classes)
20 Feb	BOT meeting
19 March	Good Kids Time (area teams)
19 March	BOT meeting

15-17 March **Overnight camps** at school with Pihipihinga team (2 classes each night)
Thurs 24th Mar **School Gala**
Mon 11th April Portfolios go home
Fri 15th April Portfolios returned to school
School Holidays Sat 16th April - Sunday 1st My