



TERM 2 2013



ROOM 4 NEWSLETTER

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Student-Led Conferences:

Thank-you to those parents who braved the stormy weather to attend our student-led conferences last term. If you didn't manage to make it, please make a new time to come and see me (I have your child's progress report to pass on).

Home Learning:

Your child will have reading and spelling words to practise each night, Monday to Thursday. If I have not heard your child read on a certain day, then they are expected to select a known book from their book box to take home. Keep reading fun and give lots of praise. If you need support or ideas, I can help! Come and see me.

Tiki Taane – Our GuineaPig:

If you have any carrots, celery, fruit or hay, bring along to school so your child can feed Tiki Taane.

Term 2 Learning Focus:

Backyard Biology: This topic carries on from last term for 4 more weeks. We have already started our garden and begun exploring the gully at school. We learnt how to classify an insect. This term we will focus more on spiders and their habitat. Our garden is on-going; we are growing vegetables for our guinea pig Tiki Tanne, and plan to use some vegetables to make soup.

Matariki: At the completion of Backyard Biology the whole school will move onto Matariki, the Maori New Year. More details of this topic will be sent home at a later date.

Important Dates:

Book Character Day - Friday, 24th May: Students come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.

Mathethon Day - Wednesday, 29th May: Details have been sent home separately, if you don't have the internet on at home, let me know and I will send a hard copy home (math on a worksheet to practise at home).

Whole School Cross Country - Friday, 31st May.

Waihi Cluster Cross Country - Friday, 7th June: For those who do well at our school event.

Celebration Assembly – Friday, 14th June: Rooms 3, 4 & 5 sharing at 11:30 am School Hall.

School Photos - Friday, 21st June.

Matariki Dawn Viewing - Sunday, 23rd June.

Matariki Community Celebration – Thursday, 4th July: At Marae 4-6pm (more details coming).

Last day of Term 2 - Friday, 12th July.

Class Wiki: <http://waihimsm.wikispaces.com/>

If you have access to the internet, log onto our class wiki. The children are very familiar with our wiki space and can easily navigate around. You will find links to educational online games, videos of our class, recent newsletters, photos etc...