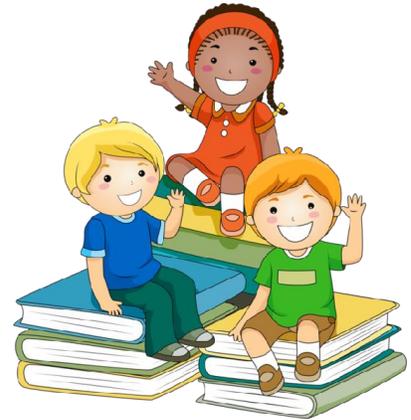


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Team Roto Newsletter – Term 4, 2020



Kia ora e te whānau

Following a hectic term 3, welcome to Term 4! We hope that during the holidays you had some family time and enjoyed the four seasons of weather which ranged from snow to frosts to hot summers days.

Our Learning Programme

We continue to place emphasis on the key learning areas of reading, writing and mathematics. Major units of work will be integrated across these curriculum areas to ensure that our students gain from deeper and more meaningful learning experiences.

School Production - A Thief in Time

We are excited to take our production to the stage in the first week of this term. You should have received a newsletter that outlines your child's timeline and requirements for the day and night of their performance. The children have rehearsed incredibly hard and they are ready to impress you at the Isaac Theatre Royal on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 October. The night after the show, the learners may be incredibly tired. Please feel free to let them sleep in, and have them at school by 11.20am (the end of morning tea). Please make sure you ring or email the office if you keep them home for a sleep-in and remind them to sign in at the office on their arrival.

Inquiry/Topic

Firewise

Our school will be working on a Get Firewise unit. The students will learn some fire-safe behaviours. They will practise what to do to get out FAST if there is a fire in a building they are in.



There are three things you can do to get out quickly and safely if a fire occurs in your home.

1. Install working smoke alarms in lounges and family living areas, halls and bedrooms to alert you to the fire. If you are asleep, you cannot smell smoke.
2. Have an escape plan so that every family member knows two ways to get out of every room and knows where to go to a safe meeting place.
3. Practise getting out of every room FAST when the smoke alarm goes off or if someone shouts - FIRE, FIRE, FIRE.

There may be some families in our community who have had an experience of fire. We want to make sure every child can participate positively in this learning programme. Please contact your child's teacher if there are any concerns about your child that they should be made aware of.

Navigating the Journey - Sexuality Education

Sexuality education is one of seven key learning areas in the health and physical education section of The New Zealand Curriculum. It must be included in teaching programmes at both primary and secondary school levels, using the strands and achievement objectives outlined in the curriculum.

Sexuality education in years 3 and 4 focuses on personal identity, relationships, growth and development of the human body, including human reproduction, strategies to cope with bullying and harassment, and staying safe online.

Athletics

In the lead-up to athletics day, learners will have sessions on the track and field. We encourage learners to wear appropriate footwear and clothing for these activities. We are still working on a date which will be advised as soon as we have the information.

Spelling Bee

As part of our spelling focus, we are holding our annual Team Roto Spelling Bee. Each class will have a group of learners who will compete and celebrate their talent against children within the team. A letter will come home in week 4 for those learners selected for the finals (dates and times to be confirmed).

Poetry Recital

This term learners will choose a poem to recite. It can be a poem that they have written themselves or from another author. Every learner will present it in class.

Important Dates:

Thief in Time - Tuesday 13th (Room 7/8) and Wednesday 14th October (Room 12/13)

Labour Day - Monday 26th October

Athletics - TBC

Life Education - 9th to 20th November

Teacher Only Day - Thursday 12th November

Anniversary Day - Friday 13th November

Swimming - Monday 23rd November until Friday 4th December

Roto/Waka Christmas Fun - Wednesday 9th December



Uniform IMPORTANT (Hats need to be worn from day 1, Term 4)

To ensure a sun-safe environment, please ensure that Russley students wear a named, wide-brimmed sun-hat to and from school and during outdoor play and sport in Term 4. The sunhat expectation enables Russley School to comply with the Cancer Society's 'SunSmart' accreditation programme

As always, do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or require any further information. You can contact your classroom teacher by phoning the school office or emailing them.

Kia pai tō koutou rā

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Mā te huruhuru karere te manu - With feathers, a bird flies

