

Room 9 Omokoroa No.1 School

Term 1 Newsletter 2011

Welcome to Room 9. We have a busy year ahead of us. We hope you all enjoyed your holidays and the children are well rested. We look forward to working with your child and seeing them progress during the year. As many of you are aware there are two teachers working in Room 9.



Megan Coombes will be in the class from 9 am - 11.30. During that time the children will have Reading and Topic Study. After 11.30 Sharon Herder will takeover and the children will cover Maths, Written Language, Phys-ed, and other curriculum areas. Below are some things you might find helpful about the class.

Settling In Before School

Your child will be expected to be responsible for all their belongings and be ready to start the day. Your child needs to make sure their book bag is inside and their books put in their book box.

Library Books

Library Day is **Tuesday**. Your child is allowed their books for two weeks; however they can bring them back earlier and have them changed at library time.

News

Your child's News Day is _____. This gives all children the opportunity to talk in front of the class. They can bring photos and information to share with the class. It would be appreciated if they didn't bring their latest toy.

Homework

Home Reading

Your child will have a set reader 4 days a week.

Please ensure you check their notebook and sign it when you have read it with your child. If you would like to comment about their reading please do so. This notebook often acts as a communication book between home and school.

Maths Basic Facts /Spelling Testing

At the back of your child's notebook there will be basic facts for your child to learn each week. Please read the details about this in their notebook.

They will also have spelling words each week with associated activities. The children will be given their words on Monday and tested on the following Friday.

A wonderful website www.spellingcity.com is a great tool to help learn words. If your child is finding spelling easy please randomly check them on previous list words, as many children still spell simple words like they, said and others incorrectly. The basics are important.



Class Communication

It is wonderful having parents e-mail and respond to the web page. If your e-mail address changes, please let us know as soon as possible. If you would like to contact us, you can e-mail us on:

room9@omokoroa.school.nz
megan@omokoroa.school.nz

Please remember to check out the school web page at

www.omokoroa.school.nz



Parent Help Roster

If you have some spare time and would be available to help in the class your help would be greatly appreciated.

We would like to start this next week. If you are able to assist could you please fill out the attached form and send it back to school by Thursday. There will be two time options.

1. 9.00-10.30 or
2. 11-12.30

Upcoming Events

- Meet the Teacher Night
We look forward to seeing you on Thursday the 10th of February.
- Grasshopper Tennis 7-25 February
- Papamoa Camp 22nd-24th February
- 14-22 March Life Education
- 14 April Middle/Senior Swimming Sports.

Swimming

Swimming is compulsory during Term 1 We have swimming days and the children can also go swimming at lunchtime. If your child is not swimming could you please let us know otherwise we expect your child to be swimming every day.

Topics to be Studied during the Term

- Magnificent Me
- Bees and Butterflies
(Camp to Papamoa)
- Life Education
I'm Different
- Easter

Maths Homework

Our topics for maths this term are statistics, measurement (mass, capacity and volume) and addition and subtraction. Please use Mathletics as well as some of the activities on Digitool, on the school web page.

Sunhats

These need to be worn during interval and lunch and for sports. Could your child please bring their hat back to school this week.

Stationery

Packs are available at the Office. Could we please have all items clearly labelled and covered at school as soon as possible.

Thank you.
Have a wonderful term.

Kind regards

Sharon Herder and Megan Coombes

