

1st February 2018

Term 1

Room 5

Coromandel Area School



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 1 at Coromandel Area School!

Over the first few weeks back at school we will focus on our Room 5 Whanau motto – ‘Stronger Together!’ This is based around the Whakatauki *"Kotahi te kohao o te ngira e kuhuna ai te miro ma, te miro pango, te miro whero. I muri, kia mau ki te aroha, ki te ture, ki te whakapono"*. Although each of us hold different tolerances, beliefs, principles and understandings, together we journey through Room 5, if we do so together we will all become stronger.

The children will also continue to have a ‘growth mindset’ and understand what is required to be a great learner in Room 5! We will cover the multitude of routines, activities and expectations that will make our year successful! I will also endeavour to build strong learning relationships with each individual child. Beyond this, we will begin to investigate the concept of ‘Change’ – how we may improve ourselves, our class, our school, our community and our world.

Literacy - Literacy will be based as much as possible around topic to assist in linking reading and writing to relevant learning for the children. This term we will cover a variety of informative and poetic language ideas.

Numeracy - Room 5's major focus this term will be on numeracy/basic fact knowledge around addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. We will also look at the strand of statistics blended with measurement as we explore our topic of ‘Change’.

Health and PE Our main focus this term will be learning about themselves as a learner, swimming and in particular working towards being part of a successful learning environment.

Reminders – Children are required to wear a hat during term 1, all students must bring their togs/towels daily or a note to say why they are not swimming. Tuesday 6th February is a public holiday.

Communication - I like to update parents/caregivers weekly or fortnightly (depending on what's on) via email regarding what's coming up in Room 5. If you have a new email address or don't receive any emails from me by the end of February please come send a note in with your child. If you don't have email I will still send notices home for those really important messages!

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Parent / Whanau help in Class

Teaching a class of approximately 26 children is so much more rewarding and FUN with parent help! Room 5 often looks beyond the classroom walls for learning opportunities. If you know someone who has an interest in conservation, gardening, science, technology... and wants to give back to the school community, please contact me! At times I also require assistance with writing, maths or reading groups and generally ask for helpers once routines and expectations are formed.

Room 5 Term 1's Days (This is likely to change as we progress through the term)

Monday - Library Session - Homework Handed out

Tuesday - Timetabled Swimming Day

Wednesday - Timetabled Swimming Day

Thursday - Timetabled Swimming Day/ Primary School Assembly

Friday - Music (Whaea Maria) - Homework Returned and Marked Collectively - School finishes at 2.15pm

Children should bring togs daily just in case we are able to add a swim lesson into our day.

Hot Rod Fundraiser for Room 5

Room 5 is doing a fundraising event on Saturday 10th February from around 11am to 2pm and need some helpers for the day. Jobs involve collecting money at the gate (gold coin donation) and supervising the hot rod cars on show. If you are able to help on the day or assist setting up, please contact me at school or by email.

I look forward to working alongside you and your child this year. If you have any queries at any stage, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, see me after school or if you require a more lengthy discussion, please make an appointment.

Warm regards,

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