

Team Miro Newsletter

Term 1 2021

Term One, February 2021



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to West Park School for 2021. We hope you all managed to have a lovely summer break and got to enjoy some valuable family time over the holidays. We are all looking forward to an exciting year in Team Miro, teaching and building great relationship with your children. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Kind Regards,

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Sun Hats:

All children need to wear a wide brimmed sun hat while outside during breaks, or during sport and P.E. If children do not have an appropriate sun hat to wear they will be required to stay out of the playground. Please ensure that the hat is clearly named and is able to be kept at school.

Name clothing:

It would be great if all of your children's clothing could be clearly named with first name and last name. Unfortunately, as the year progresses we end up having a huge amount of lost property. Naming your child's clothing will help us reunite items with their owners.

Term One Units:

Writing: 7 Steps to Writing Success – Narrative

Visual Arts: Drawing Techniques & Skills

Health: Enhancing relationships, supportive environments, personal identity and self-worth

P.E: Games – Throwing and catching with small and large balls

Music: Exploring sounds, duration, pulse & rhythm, pitch, instruments, timbre, tempo & dynamics

Dance:

Social Science: Place & Environment

Science: Living World



Physical Education:

It is important for our students to be involved in regular physical activity whilst they are at school. It would be great if you could encourage your child to wear suitable clothing to school for fitness and P.E. sessions. If your child is unable to join in on a particular day, please provide a signed and dated note to the classroom teacher explaining the reason for non-participation.

Parent helpers:

Our classrooms thrive when we have parents who are able to come into class to support our learning programmes e.g. support running our weekly spelling programme, running our Early Words programme, listening to student's read, playing learning games with students, helping to make resources, putting reading books away in our book room, etc. If you are able to help in any way, please email your child's teacher. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Road Patrol:

Every morning and afternoon we have responsible Year 6 students who do Road Patrol for our school to make sure our families can cross our busy roads safely. We are looking for parents who can help our students out as a Road Patrol helper. If you are available and willing to help on any morning from 8.20-9.10 or any afternoon from 2.45-3.10, please contact Jade Poulter on jadep@westpark.school.nz

Teachers in classrooms:

Just a reminder that teachers will be in their classrooms from 8.30am every morning. Prior to that, teachers use their time to organise their classroom programmes and/or attend meetings, which means we cannot guarantee anyone will be in classrooms to look after students who arrive early. If you need to drop your child off at school prior to 8.30am please contact Kelly Club who run a before and after school care programme in the school hall every day.

Homework:

Homework consists of daily reading, weekly spelling words, and Mathletics tasks set by the teacher. If students complete 1000 points in a week on Mathletics this earns them a bronze certificate, working towards a gold certificate as the year progresses.

You can find more information about Team Miro's homework programme on the Home Learning sheet which is stuck in your child's reading log.