

# Team Miro Newsletter

Term 2 2021

Term One, February 2021



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2 in Team Miro. We hope you had a lovely holiday break and got to enjoy some valuable family time. We are all looking forward to another exciting term in Team Miro, teaching and building great relationships with your children. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Kind Regards,

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## Term One Units:

Writing: 7 Steps to Writing Success – Persuasive Writing

Visual Arts: 3D skills

Health: Body care and physical safety

P.E.: Cross Country and Movement in Dance

Music: Rad Rhythm

Dance: Movement in Dance

Social Science: Place & Environment

Science: Planet Earth and Beyond

Maori: Feelings and emotions



## 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.

Our school **Cross Country** will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of May, with the postponement date of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. If it has to be postponed due to the weather you will be notified by 8.30am via the School App

## Room 6 weekly spelling testing Parent Help:

Room 6 is looking for a parent or parents who can come into class every week to do our weekly spelling testing and recording new words in our students spelling books ready for the next week. This job, which supports our Reading and Writing programmes, will take between 30 – 60 minutes. Ideally, it would be great if it could be done on Friday's, however, if there is a regular time on a different day we can make that work. Please contact Flavia Kuntze on [flaviak@westpark.school.nz](mailto:flaviak@westpark.school.nz) or Emily Osborn on [emilyo@westpark.school.nz](mailto:emilyo@westpark.school.nz) if you can support.

## Parent helpers:

Our classrooms thrive when we have parents who are able to come into class to support our learning programmes e.g. weekly spelling testing, 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 can help in any way, please contact your child's teacher. Any help is greatly appreciated.

## Teachers in classrooms:

Just a reminder that teachers are in their classrooms from 8.30am - 3.00pm teaching and are unable to check their emails. If you have an important message to pass on to your child, please ring the office and let them know and they will talk to your child. The school phone number is 04 478 7074. Teachers aim to reply to emails within 3 working days. If the topic is urgent, please contact the office directly to have the message passed on. Teachers are not always in their class until 8.30am every morning, due to organising their classroom programmes and/or attending meetings. With this in mind, we cannot guarantee there will be someone in the class 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.



### News day changes:

Recently we have been looking at the structure and purpose of our daily news programme. For Term 2 we will be changing our news programme to more of a structure where every day all students reflect on their learning and share thinking with other members of the class.

To support this change, at home it would be great if you could spend some time getting your child to think and reflect on the day. You could ask questions like

*"What were you learning in reading?" (Or writing, maths)*

*"How did you find the work?"*

*"Tell me about what were you learning about in the afternoon?"*

### 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 with a huge amount of lost property. Naming your child's clothing will help us reunite items with their owners.

### 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](mailto:jadep@westpark.school.nz)



### Space Place trip:

This term we are planning a trip to the Space Place at the Carter Observatory to support the learning that will be taking place in our Science - Planet Earth and Beyond unit. A notice was sent via the School App and payment can be made via kindo.



### 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 they earn a bronze certificate. Every certificate achieved is working towards a gold certificate. 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.

