



# Korimako Newsletter

## Term 1 2012

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope everybody had a relaxing break and has managed to recharge their batteries after such a busy year. This term we welcome Louis to Korimako. Our class is now made up of 25 year 5 and 6 students. I am endeavouring to keep our class webpage up to date and will let the class know when I have updated it with photos or work that they may wish to share with you at home. All class newsletters are put on the class page and any music related notices that I send out are put on the music page, so they can be referred to in the future if need be.

### Important Term Dates

I look forward to meeting you all on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February for our **Meet the Teacher** evening. **3 way conferences** will take place in Week 6, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into class and to set goals for the year.

### Medical Form

Attached is last year's medical form. Please check that the details are still correct, especially the emergency contacts, and return to school with any amendments clearly marked.

### Swimming



Although our pool is not currently operational we are still able to provide a swimming programme this year. We will be travelling by bus to Halswell at 10.00am each day from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure that all togs and towels are named.

### Stationery



Stationery has been handed out today, and an invoice is attached. This means that we will be ready to start work straight away on Tuesday.

### Class Camp



We will be going on camp to Glentui Meadows, near Oxford, on February 22<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. All information and extra forms are on a separate camp newsletter which will be sent out next week. If you would like to accompany us as a parent helper, please let me know as soon as possible.

### Phone Tree



I enclose a class phone tree with this newsletter. I will update the phone tree if details change so please let me know as soon as possible if you change your phone number.

### Homework

This year each child has a reading notebook to record reading, which is part of daily homework expectations. Other homework includes spelling and other additional tasks, but as all students are encouraged to participate in the Diamond Challenge I hope that this will comprise the bulk of homework activity. We will be spending time each Friday discussing the Diamond Challenge and sharing activities and achievements. There will be a Diamond Challenge progress assembly at the end of each term, the first one on Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Have a go sailing

This is an annual activity for this class. I have booked two days sailing in Term 4, dates to be confirmed. Half the class sails for a full day on each day. The cost for a full day is \$25.60. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

### Sunhats



As hats need to be worn for all outdoor activities this term it's a good idea for hats to stay at school. Please ensure that the hat is named and has a brim.

### Topics for the term

This term topics are:

<b>Maths</b>	Addition and subtraction strategies; Statistical literacy and investigation
<b>English</b>	Explanation, recount and narrative writing; poetry; grammar and spelling
<b>Social Studies</b>	Anzac Day
<b>Science</b>	Change in the material world: kitchen chemistry
<b>Technology</b>	Creating a PowerPoint presentation.
<b>Health</b>	Kia Kaha- positive classroom relationships
<b>P.E</b>	Squash, Golf, Swimming skills, Adventure based learning- camp , cross country training,
<b>Art</b>	Andy Warhol self portraits; Kowhaiwhai glitter art
<b>Music</b>	Learning to play the ukulele
<b>Drama</b>	Conventions of drama
<b>Maori</b>	Classroom conversation

Our assembly this term is in Week 7, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.00pm. We hope to see you there.

If you have any concerns or queries I can be contacted after school most days or you can e-mail me at [Fiona@diamonddharbour.school.nz](mailto:Fiona@diamonddharbour.school.nz).

Regards,

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