

# Silverdale Primary School



# Team Pukeko

## Newsletter Term 1 2015

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### Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to term 1 of 2015. We hope you all had lovely and relaxing time with your children over the summer holiday.

This first newsletter of the year is to outline the routines and expectations for our syndicate, to give you an idea of what your child will be learning this term and of any upcoming dates for your calendar.

### ADMINISTRATION

#### Uniform

During Term 1 and 4 the children are expected to wear a wide brimmed school sun hat whilst outside. They will not be allowed onto the playground without one so please ensure that your child's hat is named and in their school bag.

Please ensure **all items of uniform are named**. Shoes are a part of the uniform and should be worn to and from school. They can either be black sandals, black lace-ups or black buckle shoes. Socks / tights are black but no leggings. Headbands and hair ties for girls should be in one of the school colours (green, black, white or yellow). Students with long hair need to have it tied back.

The only jewellery that is permitted are watches or stud earrings (no hoops, bracelets or necklaces). Please help by ensuring that your child comes to school in the correct uniform. If you require further uniform items please see the school website for order forms.



#### Start of the day

Children should not be dropped at school until 8.30am as there is no adult supervision until this time. Any child on school grounds before the 8.30am bell sounds should remain seated in the meet and greet area and not around the classrooms or on the playground. At 8.30am the children are permitted to go into class. This is a valuable time for them to socialise and prepare for the day and so in order to develop independence we would encourage parents to say goodbye on the playground rather than come into class with your child every day.



#### End of the day

The bus bell goes at 2.45pm. The bus children are taken by a Year 7/8 bus monitor to the hall. The final class bell goes at 2.55pm. The children are taken by their class teacher to the meet and greet area or 'pick up and go zone' to be collected by parents. Please **do not** stand outside the classrooms at the end of the day as this distracts the children. The office should be informed of any changes to pick up arrangements by 2.15pm.

### Water Only

It is important that our children remain hydrated whilst at school not only for health reasons but it also increases concentration and brain function. We would encourage every child to keep a drink on their desk to drink throughout the day, refilling from the water fountain during break times. Drink bottles should be of a sports design, that do not need the lid to be removed when drinking.

Remember that Silverdale School is a water only school (With the ONLY exception to this being Fonterra Milk for Schools provided by the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays). No juice or fizzy drinks are permitted in drink bottles.



### Home learning

Each class will set weekly spelling and Maths (basic facts) homework along with daily reading. There is a reading log to be completed when a minimum of 20 minutes has been completed 5 times per week.

### P.E.A.K.S Challenges

These challenges can be completed throughout the year and presented in assembly at the end of each term. Each challenge needs to be presented in a written form with photographs etc. Forms for writing up challenges on can be found on the Team Pukeko webpage.



## What's Happening This Term?

### Term 1 Learning Focus

Our focus this term is Health and Social Sciences. We will be exploring 'How we are different' and looking at forming and maintaining friendships. To support this learning we will be visited by the Life Education Caravan and Harold the Giraffe.



Our Literacy focus for the term is recounts and environmental writing. Focusing on sentence structure and using the senses to enhance our writing.

The Numeracy focus this term is number and Statistics.

We will also be introducing the children to their School Chrome Accounts and Google Docs. A separate letter has been sent home to explain this further.

### Sport

This term our sport focus is Large Ball Skills. We will be developing Gross motor skills and team work through sport. Syndicate sports is on a Friday and the children can wear PE wear if they prefer.

Kiwi Sports are also coming into school during the next few weeks to teach the children Kiwikick.

### Meet the Teacher: 10<sup>th</sup> February

This annual evening is an opportunity to meet the Team Pukeko teachers and to have any questions answered. It starts with a welcome in the hall from our principal, Cameron Lockie and then we move to Pukeko D for an introduction to the year by Team Pukeko teachers.

We will outline expectations, routines and be able to ask any general questions. This is not a time to discuss individual children with the class teacher: this opportunity will arise during our 3 way Learning Conversations on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March. If you have anything that needs discussing before then feel free to email your class teacher to arrange a meeting before this.

### Team Pukeko Open Morning: 9am-10.30am, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

This is an opportunity for all parents to come into their child's classroom and observe them at work, to get a clearer idea of what happens in class and to celebrate their learning.

### Team Building Sleepover: 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March

This is a first for our year 3 and 4's. We will be spending these 2 days taking part in a variety of team building games both at school and at the Stanmore Bay leisure centre. The actual sleepover will be held in the hall on the Thursday.

More details to follow.

### Dates to remember

- 6<sup>th</sup> February: Waitangi Day/ School closed
- 10<sup>th</sup> February: Meet the Teacher
- 18<sup>th</sup> February: Open Morning in Team Pukeko
- 11<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> February: Life Education Caravan
- 20<sup>th</sup> February: Family Picnic at the Beach
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> March: Learning Conversations
- 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March: Team Pukeko Team Building Sleepover
- 25<sup>th</sup> March: Grandparents Morning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April: End of Term 1



If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's schooling please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Kind Regards

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