

# ☺ Junior Syndicate 1 Newsletter ☺

## Term One 2013

Welcome to the start of the 2013 school year. We hope you all had a relaxing summer break.

A special welcome to all the new families  
joining us at school this term.



We have four classes in the syndicate this term.

Room 2 with year 1-2 children and Miss Audrey Crouth

Room 3 with year 1 children and Ms Griselda Goring-Johnston (*Ms GJ starting later in the term*)

Room 4 with year 1 children and Mrs Anne Drake

Room 14 with year 1 children and Mrs Raewyn Flynn

### Enviro School

As an Enviro School we endeavour to reduce rubbish and develop sustainable environmental practices. We continue to encourage children to bring a litter less lunch to school if they can. Also, children are invited to join the horticulture club providing an opportunity to work with other children in looking after our school environment.



### Curriculum coverage for the term

Inquiry - Learning to Live in a Learning Community - Children will ponder the questions: What is a community? How can I be an effective member of a learning community?

Art - Visual art -self portraits

Physical Education - Swimming

Fitness - Cross Country training

Mathematics - Numeracy, Statistics

Te Reo - School mihi, Waitangi Day

### Reading

READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ READ

We encourage all children to develop a habit of reading every night to reinforce study from school and unlock the enjoyment of living adventures through books.

Ultimately we want children to develop personal, independent reading habits. Children are expected to read every night and keep a record of this reading to be checked by their teacher. We ask parents of Year 1 children to write in reading logs. Older children may be able to monitor these themselves.

### Library Days

The School Library is open this term!

Children will be able to borrow 2 books each week and are encouraged to keep their library books in a plastic bag and return them each week.



Class library days are:

Room 2 - Monday

Room 4 - Tuesday  
Room 14 - Monday

### Clothing

Laingholm children are sunsmart children therefore sunhats are compulsory.

Please ensure your child has a named, wide brimmed hat to wear when outside. Hats can be purchased from the office.


**Each term we collect a huge amount of lost property. Please name children's clothes** so it is easier to return misplaced items.

We ask that children have a change of clothes in their bags. The school has a very limited supply of spare clothes and it can be very inconvenient for you when we need to ring during the day to ask for a change of clothes for your child.

### Swimming

The children will be swimming with their classes twice a week, weather permitting. It is important for the children to bring their togs on their swimming days, as it is part of the physical education curriculum.

#### **Swimming Days**

<b>Room 2 &amp; 14</b>	<b>Room 4</b>	
Tuesday	Monday	
Thursday	Wednesday	

We recommend that children wear Rash Vests if they have them.

### Drink Bottles

We ask that children bring a named drink bottle filled with water to school each day. They can then bring it into the classroom with them providing an option for easier access to a drink when working. We encourage children to drink throughout the day but find some will use the drinking fountains instead of their drink bottles.

### Safety



Please remember you are your child's role-model. It is imperative that you continue to teach your child to cross the road safely at the pedestrian crossing.

We are looking forward to another fantastic year.

Remember if you have any queries about syndicate happenings come along and see us.

*Audrey Crouth, Gris Goring-Johnston, Anne Drake, Raewyn Flynn (Team Leader).*  
(Junior Syndicate 1 Teachers)

