

## **Koru Team Newsletter**

### **Term 3 2016**

Welcome back to all parents and caregivers of our tamariki to what we are sure will be another exciting and fun-filled term. If you and your child are new to the Koru syndicate this term, we look forward to getting to know you.

#### **Topics and Events for Term 3**

Our Term 2 whole school inquiry was a huge success and there were plenty of discussions about 'Way back When' happening in the playground. We will be continuing the whole school inquiry approach this term and this time the focus will be on the upcoming Rio Olympic Games. Our main focus (aside from following the games as they happen) will be looking back to when the Olympic Games first began and connecting to the Olympic values at a KURA level.

For the second half of the term we will be practising for the school show at the end of Term 3. We will have the Stepping Out arts programme to help us with this.

Book week will be running from August 15 – August 19. There will be many book related activities happening over the week, including a dress up day on August 17 to help fundraise for Pitt Hopkins Syndrome.

#### **Sports and PE**

We love getting together as a syndicate for exercise. This term we will keep our fitness up by doing Jump Jam in the hall. We will be continuing our ball skills focus which will include practising fundamental passing and catching skill as well as introducing a range of ball sports.

In order to ensure that all students are safe and comfortable when doing sports or PE, we encourage them to bring appropriate footwear. Jandals, sandals, 'Heelies', fashion shoes and other non-sports shoes are uncomfortable to run in, and can result in injury and permanent damage to developing tendons and muscles. We don't allow students to do PE in bare feet because of the risk of injury from sharp objects. All students are expected to participate in PE unless they have a note from parents or caregivers. Fitness activities are scheduled daily which is why students need to bring/wear appropriate footwear EVERY DAY.

### **Toys**

We prefer that children don't bring their precious toys or other treasures to school; it is very distressing if they get lost or damaged. Teachers will not take responsibility for these items if they are brought to school.

### **Reading Books**

Reading books will continue to be sent home from Monday to Thursday. Please encourage your child to do the daily reading and to take responsibility for bringing the books and notebooks back to school every day. We will send Poem books home on Fridays and ask that these are returned on the following Monday. Children will not always have a different book every night; the same book may be sent home more than once. These books should not be too difficult as the purpose of home reading is to support what is being learnt at school, as well as to develop fluency, expression and intonation.

### **Assemblies**

Koru syndicate assemblies are a great way for us to come together and celebrate the successes of the week. These will be on 'odd weeks', on Fridays at 2:30pm in the hall. Whole school assemblies will be on alternate Mondays in the school hall. Please check with your classroom teacher as the dates for whole school assemblies will vary depending on the week. Feel free to come along and celebrate with our children.

### **Milk**

We are part of the Fonterra Milk for Schools programme. We have the milk each day after lunch at around 1.30pm. If you would prefer that your child does not have the milk, please let your child's class teacher know.

### **Clothing**

We are heading into another wet and wintery term so please make sure your child has warm clothes with them every day. We discourage children from playing in the mud, but accidents happen. A change of pants in your child's bag would be helpful and will ensure that they stay warm and dry in their own clothes for the remainder of the school day.

We look forward to another amazing term with your child.

### **The Koru Team**

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