

Room Tawa
Newsletter #2

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Hello Parents and Students of Room Tawa,



Can you believe it is term 2 already? We had a wonderful, busy start to the year. Camp was a huge success and special thanks to those who came to camp as a helper or a visitor. The children and I really appreciated seeing you all there and I definitely appreciated the extra eyes. Our disasters topic was also a great success. We just completed a reflection of the whole topic and generally they were all disappointed it couldn't continue this term!

Term 2 is panning out to be very busy as well. We have the school auction, Cross Country, art week, art exhibition and Life Education and that's just mentioning the major events. I am personally very excited about art week and the exhibition as I enjoy giving the opportunity for the children to express themselves in different ways.

Our topic this term is 'Being a New Zealander'. For this topic we are going to look at World War 1 bringing in ANZAC day and what it meant to be a New Zealander during this time and what New Zealanders had to go through when they went to the front. We are also planning on becoming soldiers for a day. We will be digging a trench to get an insight into what it was like for the men, so dust off your shovels and spades (or Bob cat) for them to bring into school (If you're brave enough come with them to do some digging yourself!). A date will be confirmed for this but it will hopefully be in week 3 or week 4. After we have finished with World War 1 we will move onto Maori myths and legends and Te Reo Maori where the children will be learning some of their Whakapapa. All through this we will be working on different art pieces for the exhibition as the theme for that is *Kiwiana – Our Place*. We are also going to be contacting schools around the world and other parts of New Zealand through email, skype and good old fashioned snail mail to compare and contrast the places with our own.

The senior team are making some exciting changes to homework where children will be working towards earning badges and it will give them exciting choices. There will be more information about this early next week.

As this term marches closer to winter there will start to be colds and runny noses in the class. I would appreciate it if each child brought in a box of tissues to share with the class this way we will have plenty of tissues to get us through and avoid the embarrassing dashes to the toilet with a runny nose. If every child brings in one box of tissues each that would see us through to the end of the year.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at parent interviews later in the term and also meeting some of you that I haven't had a chance to touch base with yet.

Have a great term,

Julie Andersen

