

Te Pihinga Hub Newsletter Term 2, #2 2019

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Welcome to Term 2. We have had a wonderful settled start to term, reflecting the beautiful warm weather. The aim of this newsletter is to communicate with you about what is happening in our hub with events and learning and to remind you of hub and school expectations and celebrations.

Maths Learning

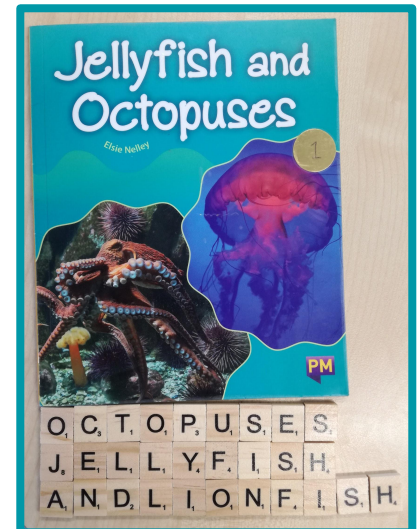
All children should now have the “brick” of basic facts that they are working on. When they think they know all the facts on the brick, they let their maths teacher know and he or she will check. While this learning is most effective with home partnership, we understand that memorisation and time pressure to produce an answer does not work for all children. If you would like to know alternative ways to learn basic facts, Jo Boaler is recognised worldwide for her research in this area. Have a look at [this article from "youcubed"](#) if you would like to know more. Look at the pictures on page 2 of Year 3s learning place value through games.

On a general maths note, we are continuing with addition and subtraction for a few weeks and will then move onto Multiplication and Division concepts.

L.I.G.H.T.S

We are now in our last rotation for the “L” and will then move into the “I” ‘Investigate the alternatives’. Through our learning, we have uncovered a whole lot of issues with food production, distribution and consumption.

On Tuesday morning there will be a film crew from Core Education filming the children during learning, as we are using NPD (New Pedagogies for Deep Learning) to ensure the depth and richness of LIGHTS is maximised for your child.



Reading

We expect that independent readers (Gold level up) will read at home every night for 20 minutes. It may be a book of their choice. Please encourage them with this by borrowing library books and by talking about what they are reading. The only children who will bring a prescribed book home are those reading at the Orange or Purple level. It is essential that these children read their book every night with you.

Soon, some children will also be bringing home reading logs. This is to encourage reading a wide genre of books and also to challenge them. Not all children will have these at this stage.

Spelling

Spelling is another partnership between home and school. Every Thursday children will bring home new spelling words glued into their spelling notebook. They should then spend until the following Wednesday learning those words, bringing their notebook back to school in time for Thursday. We expect Year 3-6 students to manage themselves in this area, but encouragement and support from parents never goes amiss. Please help them remember THURSDAY I NEED MY SPELLING NOTEBOOK AT SCHOOL! If it is forgotten, a reminder note will come home and children will need to transfer the words to their spelling book at home.

Reminders

Slime

This is a distraction at school so please leave the slime at home. If your child requires a calming toy it should be something that can sit in their pocket. Please discuss this with your child's kōhanga teacher.

Learning Times

Learning time begins at 8:55am. Please ensure you have said goodbye to your child when the bell rings so teachers can move promptly to taking the roll. You will need to notify the office if your child arrives later than 8:55 am. To ensure a smooth, calm start to the day, teachers are not available for conversations after 8:50am. We are in class at 8:30 and available for casual conversations, and also available at 3pm. If you would like an extended chat, please book a time after school with your child's kōhanga teacher.

Hats & Shoes

In Terms 2 and 3, hats are no longer compulsory. Feel free to take these home and bring them back as needed. Polar fleeces are recommended each day this term - ensure these are named. Shoes should be taken off as children enter their Kōhanga door and placed in their cubbies with their bags.

Up-and-Coming Events

Wk 3-7	Lunchtime Training	Yr 5 & 6 Rippa Team training - begins at lunchtimes, please bring sports gear to change into for this lunchtime session. Parents of the children involved have been emailed regarding this.
Week 4	Tue 21 May	2pm RCS Cross Country time trials for Zone entry
Week 5	Mon 27 May	Selwyn Zone Cross Country
Week 7	TBC	Yr 5 & 6 Selwyn Zone Rippa Tournament Life Education Van with Harold the Giraffe
Week 8	Fri 21 June	Rolleston Christian School Cross Country
Week 10	Tue 2 July	Yr 0-4 Cross Country Challenge at Hillview Christian School

