

Junior Yellow Team Newsletter



Term 1 2014

Haere Mai, welcome back to Clearview for 2014!

We are so excited to be back after our summer break. A very warm welcome to new families joining us this term. We hope you all had a lovely time and enjoyed some rest and relaxation with your family and friends over the festive season.

We are delighted to welcome Kirsty Vogel to our teaching team. Kirsty is really looking forward to working with the children in the Junior Yellow Team this year.

The Junior Yellow Teaching Team 2014...



Ana Pearson Year 1 HB1



Claire Baker Year 1 HB2



Jayne Clark Reading Recovery Teacher



Kirsty Vogel Year 2/3 HB4



Sarah Beattie Year 2/3 HB5



Alice St John Year 2/3 HB6

We will continue to work collaboratively within our team this year. Ana Pearson and Claire Baker will be working with the children in Year 1. Kirsty Vogel, Sarah Beattie and Alice St John will be teaching Year 2/3. Within these 'power teams' your child will get to know and work with these teachers. We have created a number of different work areas in the Homebases and the learning studios. Please ask your Homebase teacher if you have any questions regarding our collaborative teaching.

Assessment

During the initial weeks of this term we will be undertaking assessment in key learning areas to establish children's current learning levels. Until this assessment is completed, children will be working at the levels at which they ended 2013. It is good practice to give children familiar reading material at the beginning of a school year. It gives children a chance to regain reading confidence, focus on reading for meaning (comprehension skills), develop fluency and expression and learn the reading time routines of their new homebase. You should expect to see some of the reading books your child read last term home again over the next 3-4 weeks.

Reporting

Upon school entry, each student completes a "School Entry Assessment." This assesses skills in reading, writing and numeracy. After one year at school, when a child turns 6 they will be given the "Observation Survey" which assesses literacy skills. Teachers will meet with you to discuss these results. In Years 1 to 3 your child will receive a report based on their time at school, rather than mid year and end of year. You will receive an interim report after your child has completed 20, 60 or 100 weeks of school. End of year reports will be sent home when your child has been at school for 40, 80 or 120 weeks. Three way learning conferences and goal setting will be carried out during Term 1 and 3. If you are wishing to discuss your child's progress at any time of the year, please don't hesitate to contact your child's homebase teacher.



Read and Feed

Please ensure your child has a healthy choice snack for Read and Feed time. This time is when your child has their morning tea while listening to a story. Please leave food such as lollies and chocolate for after school treats.

Home Learning

Year 1-3 children will have access to the Reading Eggs and Mathletics programmes during 2014. Teachers will send log in details home in the next couple of weeks. The total cost for these programmes is \$36. Teachers will be using both programmes during class time and the children can access their own account at home to reinforce and practise skills. All children will also have daily home reading. Additional home learning challenges and activities may be set by home base teachers.

Learning Areas

Term 1

Literacy - Narratives, Descriptions, Guided and independent reading

Mathematics - Probability and Numeracy (addition and subtraction)

Inquiry - Creating a happy learning environment and In our backyard

PE - Striking and fielding and target games

Art - Picture making, multi-media

Key Competence - Managing Self

Sunhats

Term 1 and Term 4 are sunhat terms. It is compulsory for your child to wear a sunhat each day. If your child does not have a hat, they will be directed to sit in the shaded area outside the administration block. Please apply sunblock to your child in the morning.

If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher. Teachers are available in their HB from 8:30. Alternatively you can contact a teacher via email, which can be found on our school website www.clearview.school.nz. Please check your emails regularly as this is our main form of communication for newsletters and general information.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Kind regards,

Ana, Claire, Kirsty, Alice and Sarah