

# Team Cain Newsletter

Marina View School—Rooms 13, 14, 15, 16

Term 3 —23 July 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to the start of Term 3. We trust you have had an enjoyable holiday and everybody has fully recovered from the bugs that were circulating late last term. This term we shall be finding out about what New Zealand was like in the past and comparing it with the way it is now. We look forward to your support and help when we visit a Maori Marae in Week 4.

The **Activity Fee** for Term 3 will be **\$27.50**. Please send it to school in a named envelope by **Friday 6th August**, if possible. This fee will cover the cost of:-

1. Marae visit on August 10—\$16.75
2. Kahurangi Cultural Group—\$4
3. Five Zumba classes—\$6.75

## Library Times

All pupils should have the library bag they used in the junior classes at school to put their books in, when carrying them to and from school. If your child has lost or misplaced it, please provide a plastic bag that will protect the books from drinks, lunch bits and muddy shoes or clothes. Each class visits the library on the day listed below:

Room 13 **Tuesday**  
Room 14 **Tuesday**  
Room 15 **Tuesday**  
Room 16 **Tuesday**



## Spare Clothes

**Yes!!! Year 4 children do have mishaps too.**

Please make sure your child has a spare set of clothes to put on, should they slip over on wet muddy ground and become wet and dirty. This spare set of clothes does not need

to be the school uniform. **Please make this a priority as late last term we were struggling to give children dry clothes, some days.**

## Making Appointments

Teachers in our syndicate will be unavailable on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons as these are our staff and syndicate meeting times. If you wish to see your child's teacher, please arrange a suitable time, and give a brief description of what you wish to discuss at the meeting. This allows time for the teachers to get the relevant material ready.

## Reading

Late last term when we were doing our running records, we noted that a number of children are not using the text to help them when responding to questions. This is something that we are actively teaching the children to do and we would appreciate it if you could reinforce this at home, so they are getting the same message every time they read. Asking the child to find the part in the text and read it to you, would help them to consolidate this. Children at Year 4 should be moving to reading silently for the majority of the time but please do some oral reading.

If you have any queries please contact your child's teacher.

## Learning for Term 3

**Our Integrated Study** for this term is called **'Looking Back to Look Forwards'** This unit will have a Social Studies and Visual Arts focus.

Below are the Essential Questions and Enduring Understanding so that you have an idea of the format the study is likely to follow. There may be variations in the exact format

the different classes will end up following, as much depends on the interests of the children and what they want to know.

### Enduring Understandings

1. We can learn from our past.
2. The Maori people were New Zealand's first people.
3. Maori people in the past lived in a different way, to the way they do today.
4. The marae is a special place for the Maori people.
5. New Zealand is a multi cultural society.

### Essential Questions

1. How has the way Maori people live changed over time?
2. Why is the marae special?
3. Where did the Maori people come from?
4. What is a multi cultural society?
5. What is the protocol of a powhiri?

If you have any expertise, information, artifacts, pictures or contacts that you think may be useful to our study, please contact your child's class teacher. We are sure that some of you will have had Marae experiences or have knowledge of your whakapapa that you could share with the children. We look forward to hearing from you.

### Mathematics

- Addition/Subtraction—Algebraic Focus
- Multiplication/Division— Algebraic Focus
- Probability

### Physical Education

- Skipping
- Cross Country (as part of daily fitness).
- Striking/Large Balls

### Important Dates this Term

19th July

Term 3 begins.

29th July  
2nd August  
3rd August

4th August  
10th August  
17th August

17th September

24th September  
11th October

Parent Interviews  
Kahurangi Cultural Group  
Australian English  
Competition.  
School Cross Country  
Marae Visit  
Australian Maths  
Competition.  
Jump Rope for Heart Day

End of Term 3.  
Beginning of Term 4.

### Reminders

- Please check your child's **Stationery Needs** and purchase the appropriate items. Thank you to those who have already done this.
- **Cross Country Training** will start next week in readiness for the School Cross Country in Week 3. Please make sure your child has **appropriate footwear** for running in, during our training sessions.

Kind regards

The Year 4 Teaching Team.

**Rita Wedding Room 13**

**Edith Cain Room 14**

**Asha Anand Room 15**

**Isaac Oldham Room 16**

## Marina View School

Year 4—Team Cain—\$27.50  
Remittance Slip for Activity Fees

Name of Pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay by Friday 6th August, 2010