



Team Falcon

Term 4 Newsletter 2018

Kia Ora whanau,

Welcome to Term 4. This term Jenine Maxwell has taken over as Team Leader from Bernie Mahoney, as she has left to take up a position at another school. We welcome Liz de Beurs who is teaching in Room 10 until the end of the year. Also, we congratulate Shirley on her marriage over the holidays. She is now Mrs Crosby.

We have had an awesome start to this term with children learning through provocations at various learning stations. We have provided a range of resources that are designed to inspire thinking and develop creativity while learning to explore, design, imagine, problem solve and construct or deconstruct. We will be providing needs based learning and getting the children to drive their own learning, scaffolded and supported by the Falcon teachers.

We encourage children to really think and reflect about what they are learning and provide feedback about what and how they are doing a task. You can support this learning by asking what they have done in class, sharing their seesaw activities and encouraging them to continue their inquiry at home through research and discussion. You are a wealth of knowledge for your children, let them tap into it and learn with you.

Provocations are also a way to provide a future focus for our students, by equipping them with the skills they'll need to be successful in the future. Through the provocations provided we will teach the essential skills and dispositions needed to achieve this. We look forward to supporting your children's growth in this area.

Of course, this term we have a major PE focus on swimming so please make sure your children remember their togs on Thursday. We will also be focusing on teaching and practicing athletic skills during this term in preparation for Athletics Day on the 30th November from 9am-12.30pm. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately (t-shirt and shorts - no dresses girls) and has a hat and sunblock.

We are looking forward to our EOTC trip to Eskdale Reserve next Wednesday. We need permission slips and money returned as soon as possible. Please remind your child to choose appropriate clothing and footwear on the day and pack food and a drink to take with them.

Library days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure your children are returning their books on their days.

We will be doing fun Christmas craft activities leading up to Christmas. We may require a small fee to cover the costs involved in these activities. Further information will come home about this soon.

The last day of term is December 17th at 12.30pm.

Please feel free to email any of the teachers of Falcon regarding questions you may have. The emails are:

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We hope you have a great term.

Kind Regards,
Falcon Team