



February 4, 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

Welcome to Room 7! There is an exciting year awaiting, designed to promote and enhance your child's growth and development. This very important year promises to be one filled with discovery and joy as your child works and plays in an environment that is warm, safe and challenging.

The structure of daily activities is carefully planned to encourage independence, self-confidence and group collaboration through large group, small group and one-on-one participation in a variety of hands-on, interactive experiences. The activities will incorporate instruction and skill reinforcement in reading, mathematics, writing, social sciences, art, fine and gross motor skills, social/emotional skills and language development.

You will notice the focus of the curriculum centered on theme units and related selections of literature. This is the core of our integrated learning and these units of study will be used to extend across all areas. In doing so, your child will see the continuity of his or her learning and the application of skills will become more concrete. Learning will be real and learning will make sense!

I am so looking forward to our working together to make this a most successful school year! Please feel free to contact me at school, should you have any questions and/or concerns regarding your child's school experience.

Very Sincerely,

Mrs Tweenie Walker

Theme for Terms 1 and 2

Turangawaewae – A Place to Stand

- children will learn about their local area – our foundation.
- children will understand where they are from – ‘All About Me’.

School Routines

Breakfast Club – Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8-8.30am in the school hall. A small donation of 20 cents provides cereal, milo and toast.

School hats – it is compulsory that every child wear a Malfroy school hat while outside during our summer terms. We are part of a ‘Sunsmart’ school. Please obtain a hat from the school office or The Warehouse.

School arrival – please ensure your child arrives at school, at least 15 minutes before the first bell. This gives them time to socialize with others and settle in before formal instruction.

Nutritional lunches – children enjoy eating a variety of fresh/raw/vegetables and fruit, along with a sandwich for protein. Water is the best drink for their bodies. Try and limit packaged food as much as possible.

Homework bags – these go home every night with routine reading homework. This could entail a book or poem. Please sign their homework book and return daily. Also check these bags for any notices that may have to be signed and returned, (homework books will be set up to begin next week).

School Newsletter – these are weekly, every Thursday.

School jersey – as the weather is quite warm, it may be advisable that to avoid congestion in your child’s school bag that their school jersey remain at home. Of course, this is entirely your decision.

Stationery – thank you to those who have obtained their child’s books and head phones.