



Blake Syndicate Newsletter

**Tēnā koutou,**

Welcome back! Wow, how this year has flown by! We hope you had an enjoyable break and extend a warm welcome to the new families who have joined us. We hope you and your children have an enjoyable Term 4.

**ASSISTANCE** in the classroom is always welcome! Sorting reading books, listening to children read, typing children's work for publication or ruling lines in writing books. Please see your classroom teacher for more information.

**PMP**

Availability of parent help determines the days and times we run PMP. Our days are Monday 1:30-3:00pm and Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm. If you were unable to fill in the form last term and are available to help out on these days (especially the Monday) PLEASE see us. More helpers will help to ensure it runs smoothly.

Thank you to the following parents who have offered to help.

Monday 1:30-3:00pm	Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Johanna Shortt-Smith - <b>16</b></li><li>• Sandrine Pryor - <b>?</b></li><li>• Aimee munro - <b>10</b></li><li>• Gemma - <b>10</b></li><li>• Jenni McColl - <b>16</b></li><li>• Christina sem - <b>14/11</b></li><li>• Romy Van dijk - <b>14</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emma - (Can only help for first 3 weeks) - <b>14</b></li><li>• Sandrine Pryor - <b>?</b></li><li>• Stacey Ward - <b>16</b></li><li>• Hayley Booth - <b>15</b></li><li>• Julie MAZUR - <b>13</b></li><li>• Christina Sem - <b>14/11</b></li></ul>

We do PMP in bare feet and it would save time if girls wore socks instead of stockings.

**TERM 4 TOPIC AREAS OF FOCUS**

**FLOATING AND SINKING:**

The children will be exploring the relationship between objects that float and sink. Experimenting and investigating will help children develop an understanding and awareness of these physical phenomena. Through swimming and involvement in the water the children will also explore and understand how to be safe when playing in or near water.

**SWIMMING:**

Swimming will start Week 2. All children will need to bring their togs and towel in a named tog bag. We need parent helper support for supervision. If you can help, please talk to your child's teacher. The focus will be on water safety in preparation for summer.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Week 5 - Athletics day and Batten and Blake Camp.

Week 8 - Whole school prize giving and reports go home.

Week 9 - House Tabloid's and Wheels day. School ends.

**ASSEMBLIES:** Friday's at 2.15pm Whole school in the hall; Usually weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10.  
Blake and Batten Syndicate Assemblies in the hall; Weeks 3, 5, 7 & 9

### **ELECTIVE TIMETABLE:**

Term 4, Art Electives will be Thursday's 1:30-3:00pm until Week 2. Then our Art elective will shift to first block 9 - 10.30am. The elective topic will then change to Room 10 Music, Room 11 Mandarin, Room 12 Dance and Drama.

### **ORAL LANGUAGE TIMETABLE**

The reporter card will come home with the child the night before they are due to present. The reporter card will state;

Your child is a reporter for tomorrow. It will be their turn to share something with the class. Here are some ideas of things they might like to report on;

- A book
- Artifact from the holiday
- A newspaper article
- An exciting day
- Likes and dislikes
- Interests
- Facts about animals or countries

### **NO TOYS PLEASE**

### **LEARN AND EARN**

Our annual fundraiser, Learn and Earn, will take place this term. Children will be tested on a range of general knowledge areas. You would have received a hard copy of the study guides at the end of last term. Children were asked to study the questions and seek sponsorship. Funds raised will go towards the bikes, helmets and other equipment for the bike track project.

### **SCOOTER PARK AND BIKE TRACK Up AND OPERATING**

The children are loving their new Scooter and Bike tracks. Perhaps encourage your child to bring their bike or scooter to school so they can enjoy these facilities during breaks. Safety helmets and shoes are compulsory.

### **SUMMER UNIFORM**

The formal summer uniform is compulsory from the Labour weekend until the end of Term 1. Footwear: Black sandals - Romans from year 3 upwards and Velcro from year 0-3's. Please ensure all clothing, hat and shoes are clearly named.

Over this period all children wear must wear sunhats for outdoor activities, at intervals and lunchtimes. The school sun hat is available for purchase through the school office for \$16 each.

**SNEAKERS:** We will begin our preparation for the school Athletics that is being held in Week 5. It would be beneficial if your child brought sneakers and P.E gear every day.

**LITTERLESS LUNCHES:** We are an enviro school. To reduce our contribution to landfill, we encourage our community to supply their children with healthy eating options that require minimal wrappings.

### **BLAKE AND BATTEN CAMP**

When: Thursday, 16th and Friday, 17th November (Week 5).

Description: Firstly, we will all stay overnight at Cambridge Primary and participate in some fun camp rotation activities. The next day the Blake Children will head out by bus to Waipuke Park Reserve (Karapiro) for the day, whilst Batten children will remain at school to participate in the Annual Pre-school Sports Day. The cost per child for Blake is \$20 and for \$10 for Batten. This will cover dinner on Thursday night, breakfast and lunch the next day and a bus for the Blake children. To ensure supplies and activities can be paid for, camp fees will need to be paid by Friday, 3rd of November (end of Week 3).

Student Consent and Medical forms, Parent Helper Medical and Transport forms will be completed online. This saves paper and also allows for faster data collation. Paper forms are available upon request.

Here are the links;

**Student Consent and Medical Form** - <https://goo.gl/forms/9lpRPKnc0apl6Qus1>

This Student Consent and Medical Form needs to be completed by **Friday, 10th November**. If not completed, your child will be unable to attend camp.

**Parent Helper Medical and Consent Form** - <https://goo.gl/forms/1l7ihwUZvOo2GwWF3>

You only need to complete the Parent Helper Medical and Consent form in if you intend to come on camp.

**Please note, you are unable to stay overnight if you have not already completed a Police Vet Check Form.**

If you have any questions, please contact Briar on [briar@cambridgeprimary.co.nz](mailto:briar@cambridgeprimary.co.nz).

**OTHER INFORMATION:** To stay informed, please see school newsletters, CPS Express, Seesaw, emails, parent notices page on our CPS Website and the school Facebook page.

Otherwise you can contact us at;

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