

Creative Creatures Newsletter

Term 1, 2012



The teachers in the Junior Team would like to welcome you and your family to, or back to, Bluestone School. We plan for your children to spend a happy, productive year in the Creative Creatures area of the school. We will keep you informed of happenings in our part of the school through the school newsletter and team notices.

There have been several changes in the Junior Team this year. We welcome Georgia Geaney to our team. Georgia is from South Canterbury and has previously taught in Auckland. Below are the teachers in our team and the rooms that they are in. Room 1- Amanda Morgan (Team Leader), Room 3- Ann Schaab, Room 3a- Georgia Geaney, Room 4- Karen MacLeod (nee Hurley), Room 5- Erna Linyard, Room 6- Catherine Rooney, Room 12- Sue Harris.

We would like to invite you and your family to a fish and chip tea at Bluestone on Thursday 2nd February at 6pm. Bring along your tea, meet the teachers and have a look around the school.

From the 7th-9th February Harold and the Life Education caravan will be visiting Bluestone. Harold's message is always about healthy food, exercise, and friends. This will tie in nicely with our beginning of the year topic work about ourselves, our family and our school. We will also spend time talking about the Bluestone Values and create a class treaty to guide classroom expectations for the year.

Mrs Toni Hocking, the police education officer will be with us from the 27th February until the 9th March guiding the children through the safe walking unit. It would be really good if you could follow this up at home to reinforce safe road crossing and using seat belts in cars. Mrs Hocking would like us to pass on her concerns about young children riding bikes on the footpath. This is illegal and extremely dangerous.

3 way conferences are going to be held on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th March. This is a chance to discuss your child's learning and to set some goals for their learning over the coming terms.



This term we have a block of six instructional swimming sessions at Century Pool. These will begin on March 19th. Children will be expected to bring their togs each day regardless of the weather. As part of the swimming programme children need to be able to dress

and undress themselves quickly. Please have all clothing named. More details will be provided closer to the time. We will also be needing some parent helpers.



Dale McKay our specialist music teacher continues working with each class for half an hour each week. Our music focus this term is listening. We will have game sense with Julie Langford once a fortnight.

The children really enjoy both their music and game sense sessions. Both these sessions help upskill the class teachers as we work along side Dale and Julie.

During Term 1 and 4 all children need to have, and wear, a named school sunhat when outside. These can be purchased from the school office or Postie Plus. Creative Creatures wear footwear at school at all times.

'Golden Tasks' will come home with your child as a homework activity. At the end of the term children receive a certificate with stickers on the tasks they have completed.

Parent helpers are an important part of our team. Your help in any of the following areas would be welcomed: reading, written language, maths, class trips, shelving reading books etc. Please see your child's teacher.

If you have any concerns about your child and their education please make a time to talk to your child's class teacher. It is important that any concerns are dealt with early. Please ensure you update your child's address and contact details at the office if there have been any changes. We also ask that you advise the office or your child's teacher if they are going to be away from school for any reason.

We're all looking forward to another great term at Bluestone. To view this newsletter in colour please visit our website. www.bluestone.school.nz

Amanda, Ann, Georgia, Karen, Erna, Catherine and Sue