

## **Welcome to Ruru 2022**

Ruru is a class of 25 Year 2 and 3 students.

We aim to have a lot of fun and maximise learning as much as we can.

We want all of our students to be happy and successful.

Some programmes/ activities we run in class will be a little different for the Year 3 students.

These will be programmes/activities that the other Year 3 classes are also doing.

*Kerry Bartlett teaches Ruru on Mon/Tues/Thurs/Friday. Angela Lindgreen teaches on Wednesday. Angela and I keep in very close contact about the students.*

Each day we have a **Class Leader**. This role is designed to help increase leadership and confidence in each student. If a student is not feeling confident to sit in the Class Leader chair, and undertake Class Leader roles, then we will leave the chair vacant for them and we will do our very best to help them feel confident enough to fill the role for the day.

If a student is absent on the day they are due to be Class Leader- **they will not miss out.** We will schedule them back into the role when they return to school.

The class will be electing 2 Ruru representatives to the **School Council** in the next few days. The choices, as to who fills these roles, will be the students' choices. We will advise you as to whom they choose.

We will be allocating **News days** to the students. (See the end of this letter for your child's news day). News can be anything the students want to share (except NO TOYS!!!). Please do not let them bring toys to school. News could be a picture; something to tell; a nature find etc. etc.

They do not have to share news but are encouraged to join in on their day.

## **Reading.**

Each day the students have 3 forms of reading.

1. They are read to by the teachers.
2. They read stories with the teacher and buddies.
3. They read in a group designed to meet their current learning needs.

**If you could please take over filling in their reading notebook it would be a tremendous help.** If you could possibly fill in the date/ title of the book and a short comment to say how it went. We would be hoping the home reading is reasonably easy. If it is not we will need to look closely at why and adjust the readers.

We do often read the same book over several days at school in order to maximise the learning that book offers. So if you see the same book come home several days- please do not worry- it has been planned!!!!

If a reader is not returned the next one does not come home until the first one returns.

**Reading Eggs** will also be running this year for most students. Soon their Login for Reading Eggs will be changed to be the same as their Athletics logins. We will let you know when this has happened.

**Library.** Mrs Lindgreen will take the students to the school library each Wednesday. Please return the Library book when you are ready to. They can swap it each week or, if they are really wanting to keep it, they can hold onto it for 2 weeks.

### **Maths**

Maths lessons vary between whole class and group sessions. Planning ensures that each lesson maximises learning for each student. Athletics is used most days in class. You can also do Athletics at home. A copy of your child's sign in card will be put into their reading notebook.

An explanation of how the Athletics points/certificate/Gold bars works is on the school website under the Ruru section in Classrooms.

### **Getting to know me**

A form to help us know as much as we can about your child has come home today with this letter. If you could please fill it in and return it we would find it really helpful.

### **Swimming**

We will be swimming most days (weather permitting). Can you please help by ensuring that your child has the correct name in all of their uniform and that togs and towels are also named. PLEASE put in a warm top EVERY day- even if it is hot. Rash shirts are compulsory.

### **Water**

Can you please make sure your child has a NAMED water bottle at school. We encourage lots of drinking (of water) and we can refill them in class if need be.

### **Emails**

You are VERY welcome to contact us anyway at all. We do love to hear from you- if we do not already see you. If you are going to email please be aware that Kerry often does not check emails until the end of the day- so if it is urgent please email Glenis at the office.

We look forward to a very productive and successful year with your child and with yourselves. We will treasure your child and look after them to the very best of our ability.

Kerry Bartlett and Angela Lindgreen

The News day for your child is highlighted....  
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/ThursdayFriday

