

Money

It is requested that any money sent to school comes in a **sealed envelope**, labelled with a **name, room number** and what the money is for.

Sickness and Hygiene

Sick students should remain at home. *Please ring the office if your child cannot attend school. A written explanation to the teacher upon their return is appreciated.*

Please note: It is crucial that the school office has up to date emergency contacts and details regarding any health and allergy issues.

Students need to use good toilet and hand washing routines to help avoid the spread of sickness. It is a good idea to send handkerchiefs or tissues from home when students have runny noses. In school we also have hand sanitizer available to the students after they have washed their hands.

Lunchtime Supervision



Teachers supervise the children at lunch eating time. During this time, students are seated and do not go to play until the lunch eating bell goes.

Healthy food at school is encouraged and students are not allowed fizzy drinks or lollies. Food sharing is also not allowed. As our school is an environmental school, we prefer that lunches are wrapped in lunch paper to minimize unrecyclable rubbish.

The junior playground is supervised by teachers from the junior school who understand the needs of younger students. If you have any concerns please speak to your class teacher.

Parent Helpers



We have always had a wonderful amount of support from parental help and the teachers appreciate the time and energy parents have provided. Parental help can vary from working in the book room to classroom tasks. We hope that if you can offer some time you will fill in the form at the back of the newsletter. Unfortunately we are unable to have pre-schoolers.

PARENT HELPERS

We would really appreciate some parent support in our areas. If you are able to help for an hour or so with small jobs like cutting, gluing, processing books, typing, please complete this form and return to your child's class teacher.

Name: _____

Tel: _____

Child's Name _____

Room: ____

Preferred Day _____

• 9am to 10.30am

• 11.00am to 12.30pm

Full support and guidance is given for all activities.

Morning parent helpers are warmly invited to the staffroom for morning tea.



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Pigeon Mountain Primary School

Term 4 2011

25th October– 15th December



Welcome back to school and the start of Term 4. We hope you all enjoyed the rugby and the celebrations that followed. The term is shorter this year but there are still many exciting things happening. Let us enjoy our learning as we look forward to summertime.

A special welcome goes to the new children and their families joining us this term.

If you have any concerns or queries, it is important that these are shared with us. Take time to get to know your child's teacher.

Dates for your diary

P.T.A. Meetings	8th Nov
BOT Meetings	17th Nov
Sausage Sizzle	4th Nov
School Athletics Saving day	8th Nov 10th Nov
Dance Show	9th Nov
Year 1 assembly	18th Nov
Year 5 Cake stall	18th Nov
Wheels Day	25th Nov
Xmas choir 6pm	1st December
Year 1/2 Picnic	2nd Dec
Reports home	12th Dec
ELLS and Leadership assembly	13th Dec
End of Year Assembly	14th Dec
Term Ends	15th Dec

Meet the Team- Year 1 & 2 Staff

Room 7: Mrs. Sandra Patterson-sandrap@pigeon-mountain.school.nz
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Team Leader; Carol Dickinson-carold@pigeon-mountain.school.nz
Associate Principal; Linda Lowden-lindal@pigeon-mountain.school.nz

Inquiry

This is a very short and busy term as we prepare for our end of year assembly. We will be looking at ways we can celebrate, linking this in with our own successes and different festivals at this time of the year.

Maths

The children are continuing to explore number and calculations. We are also working on geometry which includes looking at shapes and spaces around them. Children will be developing their understanding of descriptive language to describe shapes and turns.



Enviro

Students will continue to work on their class gardens and any parental help with maintaining and weeding the gardens will be appreciated. Classes will also be reflecting on their class projects over the year. Ask them about their enviro journey. They may be able to share tips with you to use at home. We had a very successful Conservation Week in Term 3 and we raised money for World Vision to help provide clean water for villages who desperately need these supplies. Thank you for supporting the events and activities. The lolly jar and cake stall were very popular. We also had a successful enviro day where representatives from Auckland council and EnviroSchools visited us to learn about our enviro journey. We have maintained our Green Gold status and we continue to learn about ways to look after the world for all our futures.

Poetry Recital

As part of our oral language programme Year 1 & 2 children will need to learn a poem by heart to recite in front of the class.

Year 1 children can choose a poem from their school 'My Poems' book.

Year 2 children are to learn a poem from home or from another source.

Children will be marked on

- Selection of poem
- Confidence during recital
- Use of expression.
- Speaking clearly



Spelling

Each week, Year 1 students have a spelling focus appropriate to their development e.g. alphabet / blend recognition & sounds. Included in your child's blue bag will be an alphabet or phonics book. Please help your child with the name and sound of the letter and revise previous letters.

Each term Year 2 students are tested and then given a spelling list to learn at home and school. The class teacher can provide you with words they are learning.

Health and Fitness

Students this term are lucky to participate in an active fun programme coordinated by Play Ball. This will be on Thursdays. Play Ball run activity classes after school. For further information please ask at the school office.

CRT (Classroom release time)

We have P.E this term with Mr Whatman. The children will be preparing for athletics day.

Homework

Please support your child in the following ways:



Reading

Daily reading with your child is vital. This should be an enjoyable, shared time. Talking about what you have read and reading together is valuable. Encourage your child to read books brought home from school. The home reader book has details about ways to help your child. Please fill in comments with your child. Any books your child brings home will have been read at school first. More confident readers will progress onto unseen texts.

Book Care

Book bags need to be brought to school on a **daily** basis. This is to help protect the school books. We are noticing a lot of books being damaged, especially by food or drink in school bags. Please love and look after our school's books. If books are to be taken home, they must be cared for and returned promptly. Teachers may not send home the day's book if the previous day's book has not been returned. Books are expensive and not always easy to replace. Thank you for your support.

Handwriting

Sheets showing correct formation of letters are available upon request.

Sunhats

During Term 4 the children need to wear sunhats to protect them from the sun. Children are not allowed to go out and play in the sun if they are not wearing hats. The rule is **No hat, No play.**



Library

Students in Year 1 are allowed to borrow up to two books a week. Please make sure the books are returned before the class library day. Room 12 and 13- **Wednesday** Room 10 and 11- **Thursday**. Students in Year 2 can borrow up to 3 books a week.

Year 2- Monday

It is important that these books are returned so new books can be borrowed.

Bell Times

8.30am Classrooms open
8.50am School starts
10.30 - 10.55am Interval
12.30 -12.45pm Lunch eating
12.45 -1.30pm Lunch play
3pm School finishes



Please ensure your child arrives at school in plenty of time in order to have the best start to the day.

Pigeon Mountain Picnic

At the end of the term, the junior school celebrate with a picnic lunch at Pigeon Mountain. It has been a very successful event over the past few years and the children have great fun. The more parents we have, the more fun and games the children can have. We are looking for volunteers again this year so please make a note in your diary, you are guaranteed a lively and exhausting day.



Thank you for all your help and support over the school year. Have a great term 4.

Junior School Teachers