

Budding Branches Babble

Welcome everyone to Term 2.

Welcome back everyone and a special warm welcome to those that have just joined us for Term 2. We hope your holidays were relaxing and enjoyable. It looks like the winter weather has finally set in.



Colour my World... Because it is All About Us.

This is the focus for the term. The key learning areas is Social Science: Place and Environment and Dance. The theme for the Budding Branches is to inquire about and explore city living and country living. Throughout the term the children will have the opportunity to make contact with children living in rural areas in New Zealand and make comparisons with their own style of living. Children will be reading and writing texts that are persuasive in nature and developing their descriptive writing. Alongside this children will carry out statistical investigations and learn about position and orientation. We are currently exploring the options of trips for this term that will enhance the children's learning in this topic. Please ensure that your child's activity fee is up to date for the term so they can participate in the shows coming up.

Swimming

Please check that you have received, on the last week of term 1 information regarding swimming lessons starting this term for our children. The permission slip **MUST** be returned to your child's teacher this week.

The swimming lessons will take place on Thursdays, beginning 12 May and finishing on 23 June. Your child will travel by bus to the Norman Kirk Memorial Pool in Otara. Swimming is part of the learning programme for this term, so it is imperative that your child participates.

Below is the timetable for the lessons:

9.30am = Room 16
10.00am = Room 12
10.30am = Room 13
11.00am = Room 14
11.30am = Room 15



12.30pm = Room 8
1.00pm = Room 5
1.30pm = Room 7
2.00pm = Room 6

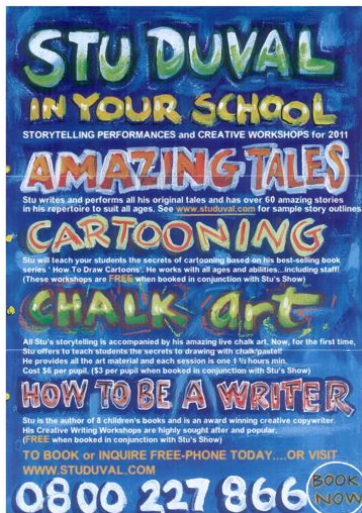
Please assist your child in being prepared on Thursdays for these lessons by bringing their togs, towel and waterproof bag for bringing them back home wet.

Dates to Remember

2 May: Term 2 starts
2 May - 6 May: Science Week
5 May: FAB Movie night
10 May: FAB 7.30pm
12 May: Swimming starts
27 May: Year 4 Oral Reading Final
30 May: Class Photos
1 June: Pre School Evening 7.00pm
2 June: Individual Photos
3 June: Year 3 Oral Reading Final
6 June: Queen's Birthday
7 June: FAB 7.30pm
9 June: Mufti & Sausage Sizzle day
10 June: Year 4-6 Oral Reading final 11.00am
13-17 June: Math-a-thon Week
21 June: FAB 7.30pm
23 June: Swimming finishes
27 June - 8 July: Book Fair Week
4 July: Stu Duvall Visit
5 July: Student Led Conferences 1.30 - 7.30pm
6 July: Student Led Conferences 3.15 - 5.30pm
12 July: Speech Snatcher Show
12 July: FAB 7.30pm
15 July: End of Term 2



Stu Duval Visit



During our Book Fair Week the children have the opportunity to once again attend Stu's workshop. He is an artist who teaches the children how to make cartoon characters, and settings through narrative writing.

He will be in school on the 4 July, so please make sure your activity fee is paid to ensure your child can attend.

Speech Snatcher Show

We have also booked this show for the term 12 July. This is a live dramatic performance that teaches children how to create and deliver effective speeches. This is a lovely lead into term 3 where the children will be working on creating their own speeches and delivering them to their class mates. Once again please make sure your child's activity fee is paid.

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Art supplies

If you have any contacts for cheap or free clean paper, paints, card or anything that could be used in a creative way, can you please let your child's teacher know. We are always on the lookout for things we can use in the classroom to stimulate and motivate children in art. The more we have the better the end product.

Farewell

On the Friday 13 May we farewell Mrs Leitch from Room 12. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Leitch for her contributions to the Budding Branches team and her commitment to providing the best possible educational experiences to those children in Room 12. We wish you all the very best in your new venture. Mrs Jo Stewart will be joining us on Monday 16 May as Room 12's teacher. Welcome Mrs Stewart.

Oral Reading

This term your children will be expected to select a passage of text to present to their peers. You will have received an information sheet outlining the details for this. Please encourage your child to practise their selected passage with you. I know last year the Budding Branches were amazing at the finals and the calibre was very high. The dates for the finals are as follows:

27 May Year 4 at 11am

3 June Year 3 at 11am

10 June School final Years 4-6 at 11am



Portfolios

Your child's portfolio should now be back at school ready for this term's learning. These will be part of the student led conferences coming up on the 5 and 6 July.