

Dear Room 12 parents,

It was lovely to meet some of you today and to meet the Room 12 children!

My name is Diana Benli and I am going to be your child's teacher in R12 this year. I love working with children. I have a husband and two little boys who keep me busy at home. My family inspires and motivates me to be the best that I can be as a person and as a teacher. I enjoy photography, travelling and of course, spending time with my family. Together, we enjoy going on holidays, bush walks, the beach and doing activities which are toddler friendly.

I am really looking forward to teaching your child and working alongside you to ensure they enjoy school and get the most out of every learning opportunity this year. Please let me know if there is anything that will help me to know and understand your child better. You can contact me by email: dianab@mairangibay.school.nz

I will be encouraging the children to become independent, collaborative thinkers and learners and be responsible for their own actions and belongings. Over the first few weeks, I will be spending a lot of time talking to your child about themselves and making them feel that Room 12 is a safe and happy place to be. We will also be learning the new routines that will help reinforce their independence.

Our regular programme will be up and running and books will be coming home from next week. These books are:

- Reading books
- On Fridays, a poem book will come home with a poem that will have been read during the week. This will need to come back on Monday.

Your child will also be set up with a Sumdog account. This is a computer based mathematics programme that we will be using at school and it can also be played at home. It is an excellent tool for helping reinforce basic facts knowledge. I will glue their username and password into the back of their reading log so they can use this at home too.

As part of our Investigation programme we will be having construction and deconstruction. Please could you send any boxes, loose parts and items that can be pulled apart (old appliances or technology) so we can add them to our collection. These are welcome any time.

I look forward to a fun filled and wonderful year with your child. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Kindest regards

Diana Benli