



## Welcome to Room 5

Kiaora Room 5 Whanau

Welcome to Room 5. 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: [caleyp@mairangibay.school.nz](mailto:caleyp@mairangibay.school.nz)

I will be encouraging the children to become independent 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 5 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.
- Our class library time will be Friday.

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/dismantling. 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. We are always on the

lookout for good quality toys, especially cars and tracks (hot wheels etc), trains and tracks, lego and building blocks, dolls and doll accessories, loom bands, marble runs etc. If you have items to donate in the future, please consider donating these to our Junior school and classroom.

### Parent help

Please let me know if you can help with any of the following times or activities. Thank you to those parents who have already offered their help ☺

- **Story Writing and Maths Monday – Thursday 9.15 – 10.40**
- **Reading and Investigation Monday – Thursday 11.00 – 12.30**
- **Art Tuesday 1.45-3.00**
- **Weekly returning of reading books Thursday or Friday after school**
- **Cutting and pasting jobs at home**
- **Typing up of children's stories**

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

Caley Plinston