

Dear Parents

Welcome to Room 7. 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 get to know and understand your child better. You can contact me by email: [dianek@mairnangibay.school.nz](mailto:dianek@mairnangibay.school.nz)  
As I am a beginner teacher I have one day of release. I will be using this time to test the children, do planning and go on courses. The lovely Jo Booth will be in the class on Fridays.

I will be encouraging the children to become independent thinkers and learners and be responsible for their own actions and belongings. We will be spending a lot of time over the first three weeks talking to the children about themselves and making them feel that Room 7 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 their poem book will come home with a poem that they will have read during the week. This will need to come back to school on Monday.**
- **Class library time is Tuesdays.**

You 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, old sheets/cloth, pegs or any loose parts and items that can be pulled apart so we can add them to our collection.

I already have a few girl and boy dress ups but if you are having a clear out these would be much appreciated too. Thank you.

#### Parents help:

Please let me know if you can help with any of the following activities:

- **Story writing and Maths Monday - Thursday 9.15 - 10.40**
- **Reading and Investigating Monday - Thursday 11.00 - 12.30**
- **Art Wednesdays 1.45 - 3.00**
- **Daily returning reading books.**
- **Cutting and pasting jobs.**
- **Typing up children's stories.**

Kind regards

Di Kruyen

*Kia hikaka, kia māia, kia pono te ngakau.*





