



# NELSON PARK SCHOOL

'In all things seek the highest'

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"Ko toku rourou, ko tou rourou ka ora ai nga tamariki"

With my basket of knowledge and your basket of knowledge the well-being of all children will be fulfilled.



# Term 1



## Home Learning Ideas

**A great way to have fun with maths at home - by Rose Oldershaw Room 9**



**This is a fun way to do maths at home. At my house I do it with my food. When I eat my toast I cut quarters and halves. A quarter is a half that is cut in half.**

**Here is a question:**

**If you cut 2 pieces of toast into quarters, how many pieces are there?**

For absent or late children please phone the office on 06-8352499 or text a message to 027-2417403  
If arriving late for school it is essential for parents or child to inform the office on arrival.

### Lifting Achievement

In late 2007 the New Zealand Curriculum was released and schools were expected to develop their own curriculum based on the framework in the document. This gives us an opportunity to work on different strategies that put our children in the centre of all we do so they can achieve.

**Our Vision:** From the feedback we received from the community the Board of Trustees developed our Vision Statement— why are we here? This statement is the 'contract' between the community and the school. Each classroom has the Vision statement proudly displayed— please have a look.

**A Learning Plan:** Research has shown that the most powerful ways to support children's learning is the relationship between the teacher and child and the partnership between the child, teacher and parent. Our first four weeks focuses on developing positive relationships with the child and the home. Throughout the year children will be exposed to Inquiry Learning as a way to 'find out.' There is always a daily focus on the basics— Numeracy, Literacy, Physical Education and E-Learning.

**Learning Conversations:** This replaces Parent/Teacher Interviews. **Learning Conversations** encourage children to talk to their parents and teacher about their learning. Most children will be able to explain what they do well, what they need to focus on and goals they wish to achieve. Parents and teachers will be asked to help meet these goals by supporting the child at home and at school. **Learning Journals** will still be at the centre of these conversations.

**Home Learning:** Research tells us that 'homework' has little or no affect on children achieving. It is often a stressful experience for children and parents. Home Learning is about parents and children engaging in fun activities to support learning. It could be Literacy or Numeracy games, making something, planting something, creating something. **Reading to the child, with the child and from the child is still very important.** In each newsletter we will be giving parents ideas and suggestions they might like to try with their children at home.

**Pupil School Council**

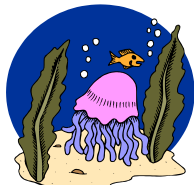
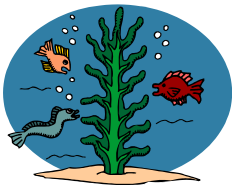
Recently the Council elected **Cheyenne Faamauri** as Chairperson and **Rose Allison** as Secretary for Term One. CONGRATULATIONS!!

**Vandalism**

Once again vandals have been at work. Over the weekend we had another arson attack. This time they set fire to rubbish bags. Luckily the fire did not spread. If you are in the school grounds and see suspicious behaviour please contact the police. Hopefully we can catch these people and get them to pay for the damage.

**Top House**

Congratulations to **BLUE HOUSE** for leading the House points mid way through the term.

**This is Sea Week!**

There are a number of community events happening over the next few days. The aquarium website is: [www.nationalaquarium.co.nz](http://www.nationalaquarium.co.nz)

**SEA WEEK SUNDAY**

is a free event being held from:  
10am-4pm at Perfume Point Reserve  
7th March

There will be a treasure hunt, games and snorkelling!

Take your togs!

Stuart Amer/Science Team

**Class & Individual Photos**

These will be taken on Wednesday 10th March.  
All orders need to be in to the office by 9am on the 10th March.

**No late orders will be taken**

**Friends of the School  
Car Boot Sale**

**Saturday 6th March**

**9am Start**

**Set-Up time 8am-8:30am**

**\$10 per car park space**

Please let the office know if you would like to book a space.

There will also be a White Elephant Stall, all donations are very welcome, just bring them into the school office.

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL**

**Hot Cross Bun Fundraising**

Look out for the order forms coming home tomorrow.



**Thanks**

A big thank you to all the parents who have participated in the "Getting to know you" afternoon teas. They were a great success.

There are still a few more classes to hold their afternoon tea.

We look forward to getting to know our families better in the coming months.

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Nevan Bridge, Principal