

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to term one of Year 6 at Papatoetoe Central School.

Year 6 is a very special year and we are looking forward to seeing your children lead the school. With this being the final year before the students head off to intermediate we will be working hard to ensure all children reach their capabilities this year.

Term Value

Our value for this term is PCS, being polite, considerate and sensible. We expect all children to use manners, show thought and care towards others and make sensible choices.



Literacy

For Term 1 there will be a big focus on individual goal setting. You might like to ask your child what their writing goal is. During reading we will be focusing on gaining a deep understanding of what has been read.

Numeracy

Our focus for maths is ensuring all children have a solid understanding of place value and automatic recall of basic facts. Some talented children will be attending maths enhancement classes with Gurmeet Baidwan and we will be continuing our Friday Maths programme with an emphasis on problem solving.



Homework

Homework is set each Monday and due each Friday. It is really important that children read each night and practise their basic facts and spelling words.



Physical Education

This term children will be working on their small ball skills. We are lucky to have a specialist PE teacher this year, Peter Robinson, who will be working with each class for 45 minutes once a week.

Inquiry

We are busy learning about Colonial New Zealand and a trip has been booked to MOTAT on the 4th of March. More information regarding this trip will be out soon.

Camp

Camp is one of the highlights of the year. This year we will be going on a 3 day camp due to availability. The dates have been booked at Carey Park in Henderson for Monday 14th November till Wednesday 16th November. We are busy working on a fundraising schedule and we look forward to your support with this.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and caregivers that you are welcome in class between 8.30am and 8.50am, and straight after school. Teachers are always available at these times to talk with you.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year as we move students on with their learning.

Regards,

Alex Hanson, Maggie Lee, Charles Liu and Paul McAleer.