



Theme: God is wise and He wants us to be wise.

Dear Parents,

A big welcome to you all at the start of another year, especially the year 3's who have joined our class for the first time. We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Our theme this term is **God is wise and He wants us to be wise.** In devotions, we will be learning that throughout the story of the Bible we see a wise God in action. We will study the book of Proverbs, one of the wisdom books that contains important messages for today that we can apply to our lives.

In **topic**, we will be learning about explorers and inventors. During the second half of the term, we will be learning about metals. We continue having **Discovery Time** once a week where we focus on our topic of study. In groups, the students research, write, create and present a project each week.



Our focus for **Maths** for term one is addition and subtraction. Year 3's please practice doubles, knowing what facts make 10 (6+4, 8+2) and 20 (13+7, 16+4). They will be moving away from counting on to using strategies to solve equations. For year 4's, facts to make 100 (20+80, 22+78), as well as other strategies for increasingly larger numbers. Year 5's will need to know multiple strategies to solve equations.

To encourage students to **read** more and to understand what they are reading, **please encourage your child to read for 15 minutes every evening.** Let them read aloud to you for at least 5 minutes. Ask them questions about what they have read in order to extend their learning. For each book they read and report to me, they will



receive **5 merit marks.**

In **writing**, we will be learning to write narratives. We will be working on character descriptions and setting up a good story line. We will learn by doing plays and dramas, as well as through parables and fables, which teach us to be wise. In the second half of the term, we will be writing reports that link with our topic about metals.

Mr Boyce will be teaching Totara class on Fridays. He will be teaching current events and music.

In other news...



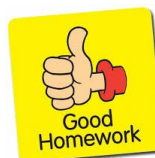
We have a **fruit/fitness break** every morning at 10 am. Please send a piece of fruit in your child's lunchbox every day. Students may also choose to have a box of milk at this time. Everyone **MUST** have a water bottle at school.

Students must bring their **P.E. uniforms** on Wednesdays and wear it on Fridays. This term we will have coaches from **KiwiSport** facilitate a **Run, Jump, Throw** class every Friday morning.



One of our Key Competencies this term is **managing self.** Please give your child many opportunities each day to take care of their own things and to help out at home. We are also learning to **manage our impulsivity.** This means being able to control ourselves in a careful way instead of doing and saying whatever we want, whenever we want.

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays. Students must do one cycle of their *HeadsUp Maths* book, *Spelling, Sentences and Reading.* It will be due



on Thursday of the next week. If your child does not complete their homework, they will stay in at lunchtime to do it.

Irene Grivas is our text liaison. Please make sure the office has a current phone number. If your child is going to be late or absent, please ring the office.

Feel free to come and speak to me anytime you need to. You can contact me at school on 939 8558 or by email:

betsy.anderson@christian.school.nz

The Bulletin Board

- **Run, Jump, Throw on Fridays (starting week 2)**
- **Totara Assembly - Monday 20 March at 2:15**
- **Please ensure your child wears their P.E. uniforms on Fridays and brings it on Wednesdays**
- **Sun hats to be worn outside at all times.**
- **Subway is available to order on Wednesdays**
- **Please label everything, including water bottles. All students MUST have a water bottle**
- **Please bring fruit for fruit break**
- **Homework out each Friday and due on Thursday of the next week**
- **Te Papa trip Wednesday, February 15**