



Junior school Newsletter

(21 – 25 October 2014)

Room 2



In science Room 2 has been learning about the animal kingdom and what animals belong in the: Reptile, Mammal, Amphibian, Bird and Fish groups. We have also been looking at the animal characteristics that each animal group have, and have grouped them in posters. We have looked at Vertebrates, (have backbones) and Invertebrates, (don't have backbones). The students have chosen an animal each and will be writing Information Reports about their animal. This will include lots of research and planning.

Room 1



In Room 1 we have been learning about the rocky shore. This week we learnt all about crabs! Did you know that crabs can only walk sideways and that they use their claws to catch food and protect themselves? We can't wait to learn about other rocky shore creatures in the coming weeks.
By Room 1



Room 3

In science we have been learning about food webs and food chains, as well as adaptations. In writing we have been doing reports about a marine animal. In math's we have been learning about time. For swimming we are learning life saving skills. Here are a couple of reports some students of Room 3 wrote:

Blue Whales

Classification

The Blue Whale is the largest sea mammal in the world. Their scientific name is *Balaenoptera Muscuius*.

Distribution

The Blue Whale is found in oceans all over the world. They spend summer in Polar Water and winters in warm waters by the equator.

Characteristics

The blue whale is the largest creature on earth. Its tongue is as heavy as an elephant. They are over thirty meters long and they weigh 180,000kg. They are a blue in colour. The whale has a plate with bristles in their mouth for eating. The whale swims at about 8km/hr – 30km/hr.

Habitat

They live in the ocean sometime they swim in small groups.

Diet

Blue Whales eat plankton and krill. They are a deep-water hunter and dive down to 500m to catch the plankton. The whale needs 360,000kg a day to survive. They consume 5000kg of water and plankton, then lick the plankton off their teeth.

Reproduction

Blue whales have one live baby; they bred once every three years. The female is pregnant for 12 months. The baby weighs 2700kg and is 8m long. They drink 600L of milk a day. The baby gains 90kg a day a year.

Lifespan

The Blue Whale lives for 80-90 years.

Special Features

Blue whales are the loudest animal on the planet and they communicate by low frequency pulses, groans and moans. They can hear each other over a distance of 1600km. They use voice to find their way in Deep Ocean. Sharks and Killer Whales will attack them and ships also can run them over.

Kataraina Waihape

Principal

Have a very good weekend. I'm really looking forward to reading the first primary newsletter by Room 3!

Miss Hannah

Up Coming Events:

Twilight Gala:

The Year 7-10 decided to call market day Twilight Gala. There will be fun activities, food stores and a variety of products made by students. Come along and support this fun afternoon on the 28 of November from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the school.

Pet Show:

Pet Show will be held on the Wednesday the 12th of November, so bring along a pet and show your artistic skills. There will be a gold coin donation at the gate. From 10 am- 12pm there will be judging, games and events, animal relay race at 11.30 and a barbecue and canteen will also be available. From 12.00- 12.30pm there will be a grand parade, fancy dress animal competition, an auction of cakes, prize giving and a lolly scramble!

Note, Mrs McClure is looking for the class who wears the correct school uniform for the remainder of term 4. There will be prizes for the best class!