



Ara Teina Newsletter

Welcome back to school!

A warm welcome back to all children and families of Ara Teina. Our team of teachers are feeling refreshed and look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Ara Teina syndicate is as follows:

Mrs Shenita Palmer (Team Leader)

Mrs Corin Armstead	New Entrants	Room 20
Miss Nikki Watson	Y1	Room21
Mrs Tania Makani	Y1	Room23
Miss Ashleigh Parker and Mrs Rohini Soans	Y1	Room22
Mrs Nikki Thompson	Y2	Room14
Mrs Kama Clark	Y2	Room15
Mrs Jenny Brunton	Y2	Room16
Miss Rachel Blyth	Y2	Room24

Concept 2010 - "A picture paints a thousand words"



Our school's overarching theme for the year is based around the saying "a picture paints a thousand words". We will be exploring concepts about perspective, people's perceptions and visual imagery. This term's topic is entitled **Happy Families 20-10**. Our theme will allow our learners to view family portraits and discuss how the people in families have different roles and responsibilities.

Summertime fun

February can be a very hot and muggy month - a couple of reminders to avoid sun burn. The rule at school is - "no hat - no play". Please ensure your child brings and wears a hat when outside. Children without hats will be asked to stay in the shade. Your child's teacher should have informed you about swimming times. Could children please only wear togs or swim suits when in the pool. No other items of clothing are to be worn in the pool. Swimming in t-shirts or shorts that have been washed in washing powder effect the PH levels in the chlorine - making it a lot harder to keep the chemicals in the water balanced.



Barbara Brann and the Foundation Skills programme

After a successful year of implementing the Foundation Skills Programme in our New Entrant and Year 1 classes we are continuing to consolidate skills and teaching for the second year of implementation. Our Foundation Skills Programme lays the foundations upon which all learning builds, for the rest of a student's educational life. It is a framework of building blocks for learning and literacy which moves children through a progression of skills that ensures no foundation skills for learning are missed or left to chance. Highlights include the 5 domains (Looking, Listening, Print, Moving and Talking), 1:15 teacher to pupil ratio in all New Entrant and Year 1 classes, links to the Magic Caterpillar Handwriting process and links to the Perceptual Motor Programme.

Remember if you have any issues or concerns about your child please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher. We are looking forward to another fun and eventful term at Arahoe with our Ara Teina learners and thank you for your continued support of our school and our children.