



Welcome to Learning Space 7 term 3 2019

Welcome to the new students to our school, and welcome back also to those students who have already begun school at Parakai School. We have some exciting learning planned for this term.

I would like to welcome back Mrs. Alison Rowe who will be the teacher in Learning Space 7 on Fridays. I know the students enjoy working with Mrs. Rowe, and she is looking forward to her time with Learning Space 7.

Our class *reading* programme will begin from week one this term and children will bring their readers home four days per week. The students love reading time at school and look forward to sharing books with their families. Please write a positive comment in the reading notebook after your child has read to you. We have a wonderful school library at Parakai School and the children will bring home a library book every Friday. They will also bring home their poetry anthology to share and this needs to be returned by the following Monday.

The students in our class will have *written language* daily. They are learning to plan a story with a picture and sound out words. We will also have a writing focus on persuasive argument which may be integrated with our inquiry topic.

In *mathematics*, we will work on developing numeracy knowledge. We will learn to count forwards and backwards, recognise numerals to one hundred or above, and solve simple addition and subtraction stories. We will also learn about rotations and symmetry, as well as fractions.

Our inquiry is *technology based*. It is called "Upcycle It" and we will be looking at applying our problem solving skills to up-cycle items that may have otherwise been thrown away.

In *physical education* the students will be learning large ball skills. They will also be practising for cross-country which will be held later in the term.

Learning Space 7 students are wonderful artists, and will continue to learn new art skills this term.

Parents and caregivers are more than welcome anytime in the room to come and see what we have been doing. Thank you for your support this term, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns at all regarding your child.

Many Thanks,
Jackie Silby
(Year 1 Teacher)