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To the Parents and Caregivers of Room 6

Kia Ora Koutou and welcome to Term 1, 2013. This letter is to provide you with a simple overview of what has been planned for your tamariki as learners in OUR classroom.

We've started off this year well by proactively looking at aspects of the school integrated Inquiry topic, Our Learning World. A Science focus called, 'Toitu te Moana – Toitu te Whenua; Healthy Seas, Healthy People and the Rocky Shore' has also been planned. Both units are based on and around Whakaaro Pai: our I CARE philosophy and will cover 10-12 weeks of in-depth planning, thinking and learning.

Many students have obtained their stationery and so we are taking the necessary time to learn, recap and revisit the middle school exercise book standards. It's really important that WE ALL start each day with the necessary equipment ready for learning.

Swimming is well under way and we are revisiting how to swim safely. Do encourage your child to bring swimming gear and a towel each day.

As you may know I have spent a number of years teaching and facilitating ICT and e-Learning with and alongside students and teachers in the Kawerau Schools and so there are a number of online projects that have been planned for Room 6:

- ✓ A class website <http://room6ateps2013.weebly.com/> has been set up that will 'house' and share a lot of classwork, photos, events and items of importance. Students will upload information then be able to reflect and blog or comment on each other's work.
- ✓ Room 6 students will learn to appreciate the dynamics of another culture as they communicate over time via four e-mails, with e-Pals from overseas.
- ✓ A core group of great readers will form part of the Room 6 Literacy Team, learn to blog and maintain their own website. There is a strong possibility that they will also use learning devices to read shared novels and personal books online.

An outdoor excursion to Otarawairere that aligns nicely with Seaweek has been planned for Week 6. I will send out more information on that at a later date.

If you would like to discuss any of these matter or make contact with me, please ring the school on (07)3049633.

Regards

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