

# ***RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL***

1 February 2012

Dear Parents & Caregivers of children in Room 8,

## **WELCOME TO ROOM 8**

First of all, a big welcome to all of you! We are looking forward to having a fantastic, exciting year with lots of interesting things planned.

Here a few things that you might like to know about Room 8 this year:

- Library day is Wednesday. Please have school library books back at school by Wednesday each week.
- Reading books will start coming home from week two. The first few will be shared books which the whole class will read. These may not necessarily be at your child's reading level. The focus this week is on establishing routines around bringing books home in book bags, reading at home, and returning them the next day. Please feel free to read these books to your child if the text is a little difficult. From week three, once testing is complete, I will be reading with groups and the children will begin bringing home reading books at their appropriate level. Please listen to them read each night and help them where needed.
- Homework this year will be based around letter and blend sounds. Each Tuesday an alphabet book will come home with a letter/blend for the week. Please help your child to cut out or draw six things which begin with that letter. Alphabet books need to be returned to school by the following Tuesday.
- Poetry books will come home on Friday. This is instead of a reading book. Please read and enjoy the poems with your child.
- We have a class blog this year. The web address is: [www.room8rbs.blogspot.com](http://www.room8rbs.blogspot.com). Please do check in every now and then and see what we have been up to. It would be great if you could leave a comment so we know that it is being viewed!
- It would really help to keep uniforms clean if you could please provide a named art shirt for the year.

If you have anything you'd like to quickly discuss, please feel free to approach one of us either before or after school. If you wish to discuss something in more detail, we are happy to make an appointment at a time that suits.

Thank you

& Jo Humphries  
**CLASS TEACHERS**