

# NGĀ WAI TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora tatou, and welcome to Term Four in Ngā Wai.

It is astonishing to think we are into the last term of the year, it only seems like yesterday we were at Capital E recording our amazing interviews.

Term Three was an incredibly busy and productive term. Artsplash, Tournament of Minds, Mathswell, fire weilding, Epro8, Table Tennis, Floorball, and dispersed with all of that creativity and talent, we took a deep dive into Civics and New Zealand History!

Thank you all for your support at home with your children, in the classroom and on the trips and experiences we undertake. It is great to have parents come along for the adventure of learning, and we would not be able to do them without you.

This term is no different as we begin the term with our EOTC (Education Outside of the Classroom) week. We aim to incorporate a lot of year's learning in this week, and also bring in a few traditional activities that are always popular.

Our goal is to ensure we make the most out of the term, but making sure we balance the load and energy levels of our taura as we near the end

of a busy year.

Term 4 is packed full of learning and creation as well. After the EOTC we have Maths Week which is detailed below, and we begin preparing for our annual speech competition.

Students will cover structure, research and presentation skills, building literacy skills in all of those areas.

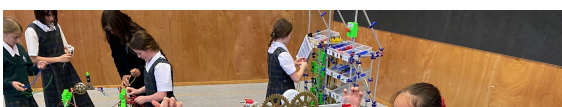
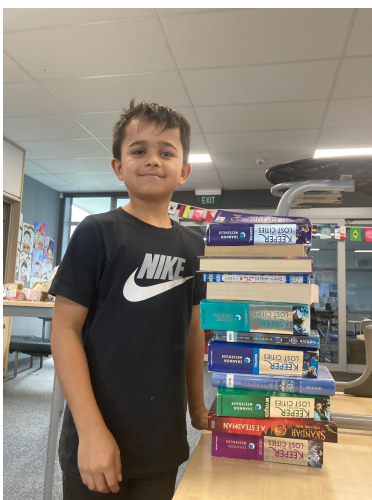
We also continue PROJECT X. This project grew from our Civics learning in Term 3, and lets students share their ideas and voice on a

community based project. Students are being stepped through the Design Thinking process and utilising critical thinking skills such as De Bono's hats and SCAMPER. The guiding statement for Project X is "Create a project that improves a community by using our imagination and creativity".

Also incorporated into our timetable this term are Garden to Table, Te reo māori, EQ health sessions, PE, and waiata. All of these sit alongside and within core subject areas of Literacy and Mathematics. The mathematics in Term 4 will be targeting gaps in knowledge and strategy across all ākonga.

Oh, and we are pretty sure that Ngā Wai Masterchef will be making a return to the later weeks of term!.

As Kaiako, we are looking forward to an amazing term of learning and experiences!



**EOTC**

We look forward to this amazing week in Term 4! This is our traditional programme in the non-camp years, offering new and interesting experiences for our students in and around the Wellington region. Three of this year's activities are either new to Ngā Wai for EOTC, or one that we have not included for several years.

During this first week back, the students have undertaken preparation for the week, taking responsibility for what they will need to have ready for each day. Due to generous community support and advantageous group deals, this EOTC experience carries no extra cost.

### **MATHS CURRICULUM WEEK**

In Week 3 we will be celebrating all things mathematical. As well as inviting a guest presenter, students will be given the opportunity to work with a different teacher on an area of mathematics that interests them. As in previous curriculum celebrations, there will be competitions which the students will be able to enter.

### **HEALTH**

This term we will be visiting the infamous Harold the Giraffe from the Life Education Trust to learn about online safety, continuing with our Emotional Intelligence workshops on Thursdays, and we will also be using the Year 5 and 6 , Navigating the Journey: Sexuality Education Te takahi i te ara: Whakaakoranga hōkakatanga programme, produced by Family Planning.

In Nga Wai we provide a respectful and safe environment for students to learn important information about themselves. We see this

resource as an excellent combination of scientific and social aspects that are relevant to our age group. The synopsis below is taken from the resource.



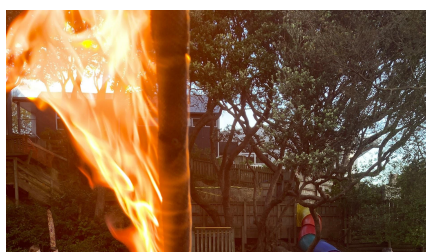
Family Planning provides a range of services, including sexual and reproductive health information, clinical services, education and training, and research. This resource is part of a suite of resources to support sexuality education in schools.

Sexuality education is one of seven key areas of learning in the health and physical education learning area of The New Zealand Curriculum. It must be included in teaching programmes at both primary and secondary school levels, using the strands and achievement objectives outlined in the curriculum. The Education Review Office has identified that schools with effective programmes spend at least 12-15 hours per year on sexuality education (ERO, 2007b). This resource includes a range of learning experiences to help schools and individual teachers do this.

The teachers will all be teaching the same content with the following groups: Megan - Those who prefer to be in a girls only group, Paul - those who prefer to be in a boys only group, Glen - Mixed gender group.

We will send out a schedule of the lesson topics closer to the time we begin the unit.

### **KAHUI AKO KAPA HAKA**



On Monday October 30th, Ahi and Ngā Wai will be taking part in a celebration of Kapa Haka and waiata at the Akau Tangi centre (ASB). It is a day long event and we will be performing two waiata; *Te ahu o te reo māori e* and *Tiaho mai*. The first of these two we know well, but the second is being practiced a lot.



If you are able to play this around the house before the date, please do. It is a beautiful waiata.

[https://folksong.org.nz/tiaho\\_mai\\_ra/index.html](https://folksong.org.nz/tiaho_mai_ra/index.html)

## GIVING BACK AT CHRISTMAS

Later in the term we will be making Christmas cards for those in our community who feel a bit lonely at this time of year. The cards are delivered via the Meals on Wheels programme. Students are also welcome to make extra cards at home. Guidelines: Make sure your card is filled with LOVE, make it as creative as you can, ensure it has a legible message, do not use religious quotes as your recipient may not be religious, do not give too much information about yourself. Please bring any cards to school by Friday November 24th.

## IMPORTANT DATES

October 16th-19th

Friday, 20th October

Monday, 23rd October

Tuesday, 24th - 27th October

Monday, 30th October

Wednesday, 1st November

Friday, 10th November

Monday 13th-15th November

Monday 20th November

Friday 1st December

Monday 11th December

Wednesday 13th December

Friday 15th December

EOTC Week

School closed

School closed

'Maths is Everywhere' week

Kahui Kapa Haka Performance

Eastern Zones Athletics

Senior School Music Concert (9.30am)

Class Speeches

Team Speech Finals

School Speech Finals.

Sports Assembly (9.30am)

Certificates Assembly (9.30am)

Student Records of Achievement distributed.



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Ngā Wai Kaiako - Glen, Megan, Paul and Mohammad