

NGA WAI NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 2019



Kia ora koutou Nga Wai Whanau. Welcome to Term Four, 2019.

What a spectacular Term Three we had! Nga Wai students can hold their heads high after their performances, and creative input, into both the production and Tournament of Minds. We seem to have a vague memory that we managed to fit in a bake off somewhere in there which was equally as successful.

The bar of amazingness has been set to a whole new level, and this level is our launch point for Term Four. Our plan is to send the year off with exceptionally crafted and confidently delivered speeches, an exciting EOTC week and the construction of an arcade (with a twist).

Important dates

Nga Wai

Nga Wai EPR08 Challenge - Thursday 31 October at Island Bay School

Senior School Athletics Y4-8 - Wednesday 23 October

Senior Music Concert Y5-8 - Friday 1 November 9.15am

Eastern Zone Athletics Y4-8 - Wednesday 6 November

School Speech Finals Year 5-8 - November 15

Nga Wai EOTC week - November 19-22

Senior Disco Y5-8 - Wednesday 20 November 6.30pm

School wide

Life Education Classroom - first 2.5 weeks of term

Mapathon monies due - Friday 18 October

Mapathon Prizegiving - Monday 21 October

Grandparents and Special Person's Day - Thursday 24 October

Labour Weekend break - Friday 25 October and Monday 28 October

Ahi EPR08 Challenge - Wednesday 30 October 5pm

Junior Production - Thursday 14 November Matinee + Evening Show

Junior Disco Yrs 1-4 - Wednesday 20 November 1.30pm

Ahi EOTC week - November 25 to November 29

Junior Athletics Yrs 1-4 - Thursday 28 November @ Hataitai School

Hataitai School Sports Assembly - Tuesday 10 December 11.25am

Parent Help Morning Tea - Wednesday 11 December 10:45am

Class Certificate Awards Assembly - Monday 16 December - 9:15am

Year 8 Leavers dinner - Monday 16 December (evening)

Last day of school - Tuesday 17 December 8.55am-1.00pm.

Leavers assembly - Tuesday 17 December 11.30am

Literacy and Speeches

Students will be asked to reflect on what they have learned over the year in all areas of school and then choose an area of particular interest to them. Through our reading and writing programme we will support students to carry out a small inquiry project where they will try to answer questions they create, providing them with a broad knowledge of the topic for their persuasive speech. Students are in the process of learning more about different forms of persuasive writing, and will combine this with their learning from Inquiry to write and deliver a persuasive or informative speech. We ask that you do not write the speech at home with your child as this is a school task. You can support them at home by encouraging them to do further research, or interview a

friend/relative, or watch documentaries over Week 3 and 4 so they are bursting with knowledge and ready to write a speech! Following the speech competition, we will be challenging our students to 'take action' on their chosen topic. This will be a major part of their homework for the second half of the term.

Maths

Term Four gives us the opportunity to reflect back and work on filling any gaps we have identified in your child's numeracy skills. For the first part of the term we will be finishing off our fractions unit in home classes. It also gives us the opportunity to apply rich tasks that offer authentic scenarios in which to apply our numeracy repertoire.

Creations

Watching the students participate in the bake off was a fortunate experience for the staff, their focus, organisation and enthusiasm was exceptional. This term we will be having our students "make" some more. We will meet an inspiring young man who has no time for boredom, who sees challenges in everything and never stops smiling. His name is Caine and he will be the starting point for what, we are sure, will be some very ingenious creations.

EOTC WEEK (TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19- FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22)*

We are finalising the finer details of our EOTC week. Many of the activities will be occurring in a reasonable proximity to school, and they will each have a focus on teamwork. We see teamwork as a skill that is imperative for our learners as they move further into the 21st Century. Cooperation, collaboration and communication are vital for our learners. More details will be available in Week 2

If you are able to help on any of the days above it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much to those who have already made themselves available to help. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you are available..

*slight change to the duration of our week than mentioned in Term 3.

General reminders

As we are moving into summer, sunhats must be worn in the playground. Classrooms will have sunblock available. Please ensure all your clothing is labelled, our lost property grows at an alarming rate.

Health

Below is a breakdown of our Health Programme for Term Four. We have provided this outline so you are aware of what is being covered and approximately when (sometimes the timetable has to shift). From Monday the 21st of October onwards, hard copies of our resources will be available to view in Nga Wai's East room should you wish to preview them. This programme, developed by the Family Planning Organisation of NZ, is the same programme that we have been administering for the last three years. Parents are free to opt their children out of any sessions if they wish. Do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher to discuss the course if you have any queries.

YEAR 5 Intended Health Programme timetable: Sexuality Road . Beginning Week 3 (29th October):

Lesson 1, Activity 1 Establishing Group Guidelines	Lesson 1, Activity 2 Question Box	Lesson 2, Activity 1 I'm Great	Lesson 2, Activity 2 I Am Unique	Lesson 3, Activity 1 Life Stages	Lesson 3, Activity 2 The Human Body
Lesson 4, Activity 1 What do you know about puberty?	Lesson 4, Activity 2 Identifying Change	Lesson 5, Activity 1 Menstruation	Lesson 5, Activity 2 Facts About Eggs and Sperm	Lesson 6, Activity 1 Friendship values	Lesson 7, Activity 1 If You Ask Me...
Lesson 9, Activity 1 Correct Terminology & Function of Body Parts	Lesson 10, Activity 1 Support Networks				

YEAR 6 Intended Health Programme timetable: Sexuality Rd. Beginning Week 3 (29th October)

Lesson 1, Activity 1 Establishing Group Guidelines	Lesson 2, Activity 2 Puberty	Lesson 2, Activity 3 Guys and Girls	Lesson 3, Activity 1 Egg and Sperm development	Lesson 3, Activity 2 The reproductive System	Lesson 3, Activity 3 Challenging misconceptions
Lesson 4, Activity 1 Hygiene Memory	Lesson 4, Activity 2 Hygiene Truth/Myth	Lesson 4, Activity 3 Hygiene Scrambled Sentences	Lesson 5, Activity 1 Challenging gender stereotypes	Lesson 6, Activity 1 What would I do?	Lesson 6, Activity 2 Two sides of the coin
Lesson 7, Activity 1 How could I respond?	Lesson 8, Activity 1 Stages of conceptions	Lesson 9, Activity 1 Supporting Me, Supporting You			

We do look forward to a very busy term. It is an exciting part of the year for all of us across the school. We thank you for your continuing support.

Regards
Nga Wai teachers.

The four images were chosen by the Nga Wai Teaching Team. They represent artworks we are drawn to and appreciate.

L to R: Marian Maguire, Yayoi Kusama, Tata Beach mosaic and Leonid Afremov.

Student Challenge: Match the art to the teacher!!!