

Term 2 Newsletter - Nga Wai 2018

Term 1 Whakatauki



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Dates to Remember

- Athletics for Parents: Thursday 10th May 5.30pm - 6pm
- National Primary Science Week: 14th-18th May
- Y4 - 8 Cross Country: Tuesday 15th May (pp18th May)
- Eastern Zone Netball: Wednesday 16th May
- Eastern Zone Cross Country: Wednesday 30th May (ppt 6th June)
- Queen's Birthday Holiday: Monday 4th June
- School Swimming Sports: Tuesday 5th June
- Team Learning Celebrations: Week 7, Tuesday 12th June, 1.45pm
- Learning Conferences: Week 9
- Matariki Evening: Thursday 5th July

Term 2 - Whakatauki

He manako te kō ura i kore ai - *Wishing for the crayfish won't bring it.*
We will be asking the students how they can achieve their goals and wishes.

Camp Makahika Parent Information Evening: Thursday 9th August 5.30 - 6.30pm

It is essential one parent per family attends this meeting. Sally the owner of the camp will be attending to talk through many aspects of the camp. This is your main opportunity to ask questions. The teachers are happy to be returning to Makahika as we know they provide an excellent programme that is safe, challenging and fun!

Camp dates: Tuesday 23rd - Friday 26th October

Inquiry

Week 3 of this term brings with it, the annual New Zealand Primary Science Week. The focus is 'Eco-Champion: Science in Action' and we will continue to explore this concept throughout the term. Science week is always an exciting event for all students, if you are available to help with a workshop or have an idea for us, contact the class teacher. We often need help to source resources.

PE

Swimming and Cross Country are our main focus this term. We will swim on a Mondays beginning in Week 2. The PE leaders will continue to run fitness sessions.

Mathematics

Term 2 we will look closely at using multiplication and division strategies. In conjunction with science we will be investigating how to measure temperature, volume and capacity.

We invite any parents who would like to learn a little more about Mathematics and how it works, to join us for a brief informative session on Thursday 10th May 5.30pm - 6pm.

Please RSVP to Kirsten via email. This is a great introduction for those new to Mathematics. To be on a device and having a go, it is best to bring your child. If that is not possible, please ask them for their gmail and mathematics log in details.

Literacy - Reading, Writing and Oral Language

Reading and Writing: We will be developing students' ability to question and compare information in the texts they read. The content of the texts have been carefully selected to support our teaching of the writing genres: explanations and scientific reports. The texts will also support the students' understanding of water as a resource and its scientific properties.

Homework - The schedules are on the website from Wk 2

We will mark the homework book in class on a Monday.

Numeracy: We encourage all students to use mathematics at home as a fun and independent way to support and consolidate their learning. Continuing to practise their basic facts including learning all times- tables and associated facts will be beneficial to students as they develop their multiplicative strategies this term.

Reading: We expect children at this age to be reading for pleasure at home. A great way to develop a love of reading is to read to your child. This is hugely beneficial for the development of comprehension and vocabulary.

Oral Language: This term students will present once this term. They will explain a process or how something works. The topic will be given to them by the teacher. This information will be displayed in the classroom and we encourage students to check the timetable and their allocated topic so they can discuss and plan it with someone at home.

General Reminders

Lost property: As we will be swimming this term please **LABEL ALL CLOTHING** so that items can be easily returned to students. We encourage students to take responsibility for their belongings and personal organisation at the pool.

Winter Jacket and Footwear: Please support your child to remember to wear shoes suitable for running and to bring a waterproof jacket and warm jumper each day. We want to be outside where possible throughout the winter months.

Kind Regards

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