

Term 3 Newsletter - Nga Wai 2018

Camp Makahika

Camp Dates: Tuesday 23rd - Friday 26th October

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

It is essential that one parent/carer per whanau attend this meeting. Sally, the owner of the camp, will be attending to talk through many aspects of the camp. This is your best opportunity to ask questions regarding the experience.

Dates to Remember for Term 3

- **Keeping Ourselves Safe programme begins: Thursday 2nd August (Week 2)**
- **Community Police Officer visit: Tuesday 7th August**
- **Camp Information Evening: Thursday 9th August 5.30pm**
- **NZEI Strike action: Wednesday 15th August (Times TBC)**
- **Maths Day (in school): Friday 17th August**
- **EZ Swimming: Thursday 23rd August**
- **Class and Individual Photo Day: Thursday 30th and Friday 31st August**
- **Sports and Cultural Photos: Friday 7th September**
- **Science Roadshow: Thursday 27th September**

Piki mai kake mai - Welcome aboard

In term three we welcome student teacher Leolie Rentsch to Nga Wai. Leolie is joining our teaching team for seven weeks from August 13 and will be based in Te Moana under Glen's guidance and support. Leolie brings new and diverse skills to the Nga Wai team and she is looking forward to the opportunity to further her practice.

Whakatauki

Ma tini ma mano ka rapa ti whai - *Many hands make light work.*

Thinking about the idea "unity is strength", students will reflect on how we can work better as a team. This will become an integral part of our preparations for camp in Term 4.

Inquiry

This term students will continue their involvement in how to be an Eco Champion, with a visit from the Sustainable Coastlines Trust. We will continue to foster and encourage students to take action in this area and continue to be "Eco-Champions" both in and out of school.

Students have chosen to participate in one of three areas of Art Splash: dance, music or visual art. The programme runs two afternoons a week in school, and culminates with performances for whānau and a gallery of work in the Michael Fowler Centre from 17-21 September. More information regarding tickets will be given as and when we have it. Concurrently with Artsplash, a number of students will be taking part in the [Tournament of Minds](#). This is something new for Hataitai students but has been operating for several years in New Zealand and abroad. It promotes creativity, imagination, collaboration and performance in an environment that is autonomous.

Mathematics

Over term three we will investigate part number: decimal numbers, fractions and ratios. Students will also be exposed to a range of activities to develop their problem solving skills, knowledge around algebraic thinking and measurement (angle, temperature and time). We are focussing on developing students' mathematical language and vocabulary as this supports and deepens their comprehension when working in real life contexts.

PE and Health

In term three we are taking part in a program that is run by Kelly Sport called RUN JUMP THROW. It has been devised by Athletics NZ to develop specific fundamental movement skills in an athletics context. We will continue to run regular daily fitness/game sessions too. These are being expertly managed by our student PE leaders in Nga Wai.

You have been notified by email, that as part of our Health studies, we will be using the New Zealand Police resource, Keeping Ourselves Safe. This unit covers situations where children may be at risk of abuse, be it verbal, physical, cyber or sexual. The discussions focus on staying safe and being alert to situations which may present a danger.

If you wish to view the Year 4 - 6 resource we are teaching from, [please do so here](#).

Literacy - Reading, Writing and Oral Language

Reading and Writing: We will be building students' ability to skim read 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: descriptive and persuasive; advertising, letters and speeches.

Students will learn about myths and legends this term.

Over four weeks students will explore how introductions and climaxes of stories can engage and entertain the reader. They will also be introduced to different poetic structures that require and promote descriptive language and be challenged to create a myth that connects to natural phenomena specific to New Zealand. Later in the term we will begin our unit on persuasive writing, and this will continue into the beginning of Term 4 as we prepare for speeches.

Homework - Both schedules are on the website from Week 2

We mark the homework book in class **every** Monday. Where the Monday is not possible we will mark on the Tuesday.

Oral Language:

This term students will present once this term. They will try to sell a product to their audience. The product 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 in advance with someone at home.

Numeracy:

We encourage all students to use Mathletics at home as a fun and independent way to support and consolidate their learning. We recommend two twenty minute sessions a week.

General Reminders

Winter Jackets and Footwear: It is necessary for students 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, and will be for our sports programme.

Kind Regards

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