

Ngahere Syndicate



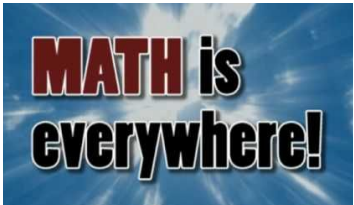
Term 4 Newsletter Monday 10th October 2016



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to our final term for 2016. It is set to be our busiest and most productive term yet, filled with lots of hands on learning. We hope your whanau had an enjoyable holiday and that your child has come back refreshed and eager to get stuck in with achieving their new learning and to ensure they are working at the level they need to be at by the end of this year.

Reminders -

- Please ensure your child has a hat at school daily this term
- Please ensure your child's show costume has been brought to school by Tuesday 11th October
- Please ensure your child's updated civil defence kit has been returned to their teacher

OUR LEARNING IN TERM 4	
<p style="text-align: center;">Inquiry</p> 	<p>Our focus for this term will be to explore the process of conducting scientific investigations across the following areas within the Science Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physical World - Electronics and Force/Energy - Material World - Chemistry <p>Within these inquiries, children will have opportunities to explore further the 5 Science Capabilities including: gathering and interpreting data, using evidence, critiquing evidence, interpreting representations and engaging with science.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy</p> 	<p>During the term, children will have opportunity to read different forms of poetry and to identify the message that the author is trying to convey in their words. They will also be continuing to refine their comprehension skills to ensure that they can understand and think critically about different texts read. To do this, they will continue to work on the strategies of activating prior knowledge, building vocabulary, predicting, questioning, summarising and synthesising new learning.</p> <p>In writing, children will have opportunity to write for different purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative descriptive writing using a selection of different prompts/free writing related to a variety of genres Poetic writing - different types of poetry styles Instructional writing - scientific investigation methods Explanation - writing about their findings from scientific investigations Persuasive - writing to persuade/influence others (letters, speeches, adverts)
<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> 	<p>Throughout this term as it is a focus during Maths Week, children will be encouraged to explore the maths that is everywhere around us. To do so, they will be participating in a variety of hands on activities which will encourage them to solve maths within many different contexts. We aim to have students outside exploring measurements, collecting statistical data, looking for patterns, estimating, exploring shapes and angles etc.</p> <p>Throughout the term, children will continue to explore the RUCSAC acronym (Read, understand, choose, solve, answer, check) to help them solve maths word problems across domains. They will also continue to revise over strategies taught to solve problems more</p>

	efficiently for addition/subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions, proportions and ratios.
<h1>KURA</h1> <p>Values</p>	<p>As a syndicate we will continue to work on building our children's knowledge and skills to fulfill our Year 6 expectations of what we expect of a child leaving our school. To do so, the students themselves will set themselves a personal goal which they will work to achieve throughout the term. In doing so, the children will each develop a profile on what it means to be a leader. Alongside this, they will create a plan to achieve their personal goal set.</p> <p>We will also continue to extend our children's thinking and actions around our SWAG acronym - success, willpower, goals and attitude.</p> <p>All children will also be revising over our Kura for Chromebook expectations and will be expected to resign a new contract by the end of Week 1.</p>
<p>Health and PE</p> 	<p>Children will have opportunities to learn and practise fundamental movement skills within athletics. In doing so, children will be practising their throwing, running and jumping techniques before our whole school athletics day later this term.</p>
<p>The Arts</p> 	<p>Our children are very excited to be participating in our School Production - Hunt for the Torch, which is happening in Week 2 after putting in a lot of dance practise during Term 3 to learn their dance routines. We can't wait to see our children on stage grooving to the beat so make sure you have purchased your tickets as it is one not to be missed!</p> <p>Also this term, our art focus is drawing. To do so, the children will be provided with a range of objects and artworks which will stimulate their drawings. They will work on sketching prototypes, models and labelling materials and parts and using a scale.</p>
<p>Maori</p> <h1>Te Reo</h1>	<p>The children will have opportunity to learn weekly Maori (kupu) words and phrases that relate to our science inquiries. They will also be learning the new actions to our school waiata Te Tikanga plus other new waitata lyrics.</p>

HOMEWORK

Maths Whizz – children need to ensure that they are working on achieving progressions at home regularly throughout the week on this programme. (ALL children should achieve a **minimum of 90 minutes** on Maths Whizz each week - including 60 minutes in **Tutor mode** and 30 minutes in **Replay mode**).

Reading Eggspress – Children who have access to this programme to support their reading comprehension need to ensure they are spending 20 to 30 minutes at least x3 days a week on this programme at home in order to ensure they are building up their reading mileage and supporting their reading understandings of text.

UPCOMING DATES

- School Production October 18th & 19th. Matinee starting at 1pm, evening performance 6pm each day.
- Buddy Patrols submissions for 2017 due 14th October
- Applying Buddy Patrol Speeches 21st October @ 11am
- Labour Day 24 October - School Closed
- Epro8 Challenge 2nd November
- Current Buddy Patrol celebration 9th November
- Maths Week - 14th - 18th November
- Free Whole School Show - The Fairest of them all 31st November
- Titahi Bay Intermediate Orientation Day 23rd November
- Whole School Run, Jump, Throw Day 24th November
- Interschool Athletics Day scheduled for 29th November / Postponement date - 1st December
- Titahi Bay Intermediate School Production 1st December
- Whole School Picnic - 7th December on our school field
- Reports sent home 7th December
- Powhiri 9am - 7th November, 5th December 2016.
- New Class afternoon 9th December
- Year 6 Leavers - Monday 12th December (More details to be advised later this term)
- Go-Getter Celebrations - Week 1 (Owing from Term 3), Week 5 and Week 10

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