

# Ngahere Team

## Term 3 Newsletter - Tuesday 25th July

Welcome back parents and caregivers of Ngahere children. Term 3 is here and we are excited to work alongside your children to achieve their goals set at parent teacher interviews. A reminder that the dates for Term 3 are 24 July - 29 Sept.

### OUR LEARNING IN TERM 3

#### Inquiry -



#### Weeks 1 - 3

We will be running the **Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme** in classes. We will have Constable Andi Noble working in our school helping to deliver this NZ Police Education Programme. You can also go onto [www.police.govt.nz](http://www.police.govt.nz) go to search, type in 'Keeping ourselves safe' All of the lessons and most of the resources used during this programme are available to view on this website.

Keeping Ourselves Safe enables children and young people to learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. They learn to recognise the difference between health and unhealthy relationships and those who have been or are being abused are encouraged to seek help.

Topics covered for **Years 4 - 6** are:

1. Confident me
2. Safe or unsafe
3. No excuse for abuse
4. Why should I tell?
5. What have I learnt




#### Weeks 4 - 6

Our Term 3 inquiry topic is "**The Ancients.**" Each class will select and research the time period they are most interested in from the following three choices: **The Egyptians, Greeks or the Romans.**



The big questions that children will investigate are: ***How do we learn about the past? What evidence is there today, that tells us this civilization existed? What did the ancients leave behind? What did they teach us? Is it important to conserve evidence from the past? Why do we do it? What will our generation leave behind?***

If you have visited either Egypt, Greece or Rome it would be great if you could share your experiences with our tamariki. Please do get in touch with your child's class teacher as you would be a great source of knowledge for our inquiry.

	<p><b>Weeks 8 - 10</b>  All Year 5/6 children will be focusing on Changes that happen during Puberty. All children in Year 4 will be focusing on Personal Hygiene.</p>
<p><b>Classroom Programmes</b></p> <p><b>Numeracy  Literacy (Reading and Writing)</b></p> 	<p>Numeracy and Literacy (Reading, Writing and Spelling) programmes will be taught daily. During Term 3, in maths children will be focusing on learning number knowledge and strategies based on need. They will also explore all strand areas including; Number and Algebra, Geometry and Measurement &amp; Statistics and Probability.</p> <p>In reading, children will be focusing on; Reading for Literary experience (Y4), Reading to make sense of vocabulary (Y4), Text structure and language features (Y5), Acquiring and using information from informational texts (Y5/Y6) and Making sense of texts - reading critically (Y6). These are aspects from the Learning Progressions that have been identified as focus areas for these groups of children.</p> <p>In writing, children will be writing to suit the inquiry focus for their class. Types we may use include: Explanation Report, Persuasive, Procedural, Poetry and Narrative. Children will be focusing on; Using writing to think and organise ideas for learning (Y4/Y5/Y6), Using knowledge of text structures and language features (Y4), Creating texts to influence others (Y4/Y5), Creating texts to communicate current knowledge and understandings (Y4/Y5,Y6) and Writing meaningful texts using vocabulary knowledge (Y6). These are aspects from the Learning Progressions that have been identified as focus areas for these groups of children.</p> <p>In spelling, children will revise over writing all sounds correctly including, Digraphs, Suffixes, Long Vowel and Spelling rule patterns.</p>
<p><b>KURA</b></p> <p><b>Values</b></p>	<p>During this term, children will be focusing on the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neat and Tidy Bookwork (Setting up Term 3 Evidence Books)</li> <li>Listening and Following Instructions</li> <li>Being a humble loser in sport</li> <li>Winning graciously</li> <li>Staying on task and completing work to a high standard</li> <li>Celebrating the success of others</li> <li>Setting personal goals</li> </ul>
<p><b>Health and PE</b></p> 	<p>Throughout the term children will focus on the fundamental motor skills of striking with an implement through sports including hockey, unihoc and padda tennis. They will also be involved in playing cooperative games.</p>
<p><b>The Arts</b></p> 	<p>Our art focus for this term will be creating our individual calendar art, which can be purchased. Details of this will be advised at the later end of the term.</p> <p>Children will also explore 3D construction activities.</p>



We have a whole school Matariki Inquiry in Week 1 and 2 culminating in a sharing assembly / shared kai and a performance by our Kapa Haka/Pasifika group. In Week 3 our Kapa Haka/Pasifika group will also perform at Titahi Bay Intermediate as part of the Kotahitanga o Tuauru o Porirua on Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 August. Final details of this event will be out next term.

## HOMEWORK

Please ensure that all goals set at parent teacher interviews are being done regularly at home, as this will help to ensure your child achieves their set learning.

The expectations of homework remain the same. These are listed below:

**Maths-Whizz** - we recommend three 20 minute sessions a week on top of what your child does in class. If this isn't possible at home we can accommodate by making computers available before school and during break times.

**Reading daily.** The importance of this can't be emphasised enough. Your child's class teacher will have a system in place. This may involve specific set books from school or personal choice books from home. Regular reading is what makes great readers.

**Reading Eggs** for those children who have been signed up. This should be three 20 minute sessions a week.

## UPCOMING DATES

- Matariki Kai Night - Wednesday 2nd August 6pm - 7.30pm.
- Powhiri - 31st July, 28th August and 25th September.
- St Johns in working with all Rooms for a session on *Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017.*
- Matariki House Day - Tuesday 8th August 11 - 12:30
- Study Group starts - Monday 7th August.
- Kotahitanga o Tuauru o Porirua (Intermediate Performance) - 10th August 6.15pm
- Ngahere Assembly - Monday 4th September.
- Artsplash choir - Monday 18th September
- PITT HOPKINS House event - Friday 22nd September

## REMINDERS

- **Camp**

By the end of this term, **\$100 must be paid for** your child to attend camp. Money can be paid directly at the office or online. If you make an online payment, the details are ASB Bank – Account No. 123254002777600. Please ensure you use your child's name and the word camp as the reference.

- **Water**

All children are allowed (and encouraged) to have a water bottle at school. Children are allowed to drink water all day. Being well hydrated helps them to learn. We continue to have milk available each day after lunchtime.