

Te Whare Māia (Year 5/6 Hub)

Term 4 Newsletter 2019

Welcome back parents and caregivers of Te Whare Māia children. Te Whare Māia is The House of Confidence. Māia can also mean “brave, bold, capable”, which are some of the values and attributes we want for our senior students. We want our students to be leaders in terms of stepping outside their comfort zone in order to achieve their goals.

Term 4 is a busy and important term for our tamariki, as our year 6 students get ready to move on to Intermediate.

Check out the upcoming dates at the end of the newsletter.

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OUR LEARNING IN TERM 4

Inquiry



Term 4

Our inquiry focus for Term 4 is the Rugby World Cup for the first 3 weeks. From week 4 until the end of Term, the students will be doing some self directed research. This will involve them choosing a topic to research from the list that we have created, and then doing a slideshow, biography, report and informational brochure about it.

Classroom Programmes

Numeracy Literacy (Reading and Writing)




Numeracy: Mathematics and Statistics- Number Multiplication/Division, Addition and Subtraction and Basic Facts


Number and Algebra: This term children will use simple additive strategies with whole numbers and/or use a range of additive and simple multiplication strategies with whole numbers to solve problems. We will also cover and practise our quick recall on “Basic Facts”.

Problem Solving: Children will be given weekly task cards in Numbers, Algebra, Geometry and Measurements, Logic and reasoning units. These inquiries will summarize the use of problem solving techniques that children apply to find solutions to individual problems displayed on cards in different mathematical concepts.

Reading

In Reading, our focus for Year 5 and 6 students is text structure and features, in particular persuasive texts; based around our inquiry topic focusing on local body elections. We will continue

	<p>to work on being able to look at a text in depth, being able to find and retrieve information in a text, and being able to answer questions, justify opinions and support their answers with details. We also want our tamariki to be able to organise ideas and information gathered from non-fiction texts, and present in a range of formats that consolidates their understanding of the subject, e.g. brochures, posters and reports.</p> <p><u>Writing</u> We will be focusing on writing tasks that tie in with our inquiry. This will involve writing Reports and Biographies that relate to the topics that the students are researching, as well as doing some descriptive and poetic writing to increase the range of vocabulary that the students use.</p> <p><u>Spelling</u> Spelling is done within individual classes and is based on needs which have been identified in our testing. We use the assessments and activities created by Joy Allcock and focus on the areas that the tamariki need to work on.</p>
<p>Health and PE</p> 	<p><u>KURA Focus</u> Our KURA focus in Term 4 is Kindness (Manaakitanga). As we wind down to the end of the year, we must remember to show kindness to one another. A simple act of kindness can go a long way towards making someone's day. We will celebrate kindness throughout the term by recognising those who demonstrate this towards others.</p> <p><u>Athletics</u> Students will continue to develop their technical understanding of athletic activity through a range of athletic events including long jump, high jump, quoits, vortex and running. In Week 3 we will have our Whole School Athletics day where children will compete with their year group, in various athletic events, over at Kura Park.</p> <p><u>Striking and Hitting</u> In physical education, children will play a range of striking and hitting games including softball, tennis and golf, to develop more complex movement sequences and strategies in a range of situations. They will learn to execute the most appropriate shot for the situation.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">The Arts</p> 	<p>Our weekly Kapa Haka and Pasifika lessons will continue as per normal. Our four Year 5/6 classes come together to learn new waiata and actions. Our tamariki are currently perfecting a new sāsā that they have created themselves. Visual Arts will be based around our Inquiry.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Māori Te Reo</p>	<p>Our Te Reo Maori focus this term will be learning new waiata (songs) in preparation for the Year 6 leavers night. Tamariki will be learning new kupu (words) related to our topic and also learn new whakatauki (proverbs) relating to our KURA value of "Kindness / Manaakitanga"</p>
<p>Year 6 Leavers Celebration.</p>	<p>The celebration for our 2019 Year 6 group will take place on Tuesday 10th December starting at 5.30pm in the school hall. You will receive invitations for this early in Term 4, and tickets will be available from the office later in the term. The celebration is a very important event for the students, as they reflect on their time here at Titahi Bay School. It is an opportunity to celebrate the successes of individuals and the group as a whole. Please mark this date on your calendar.</p>

HOMEWORK

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.

UPCOMING DATES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th - 18th Oct • 21st - 25th Oct • 21st Oct • 28th Oct • 29th Oct • 6th Nov • 11th Nov • 22nd Nov • 22nd Nov • 25th Nov • 29th Nov • 2nd Dec • 3rd Dec • 6th Dec • 9th Dec • 10th Dec • 12th Dec • 16th Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Niuean Language Week Tokelauan Language Week Pōwhiri Labour Day Athletics Day Interschool Athletics Assembly Ki o Rahi Tournament Bike Maintenance Group Pōwhiri Teacher Only Day Assembly Regional Athletics Day Reports go home Year 6 Leavers Trip to Waikanae Pools Year 6 Leavers Night New Class Visits Last Day of School |
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