

Te Whare Māia (Year 5/6 Hub)

Term 3 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.

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

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OUR LEARNING IN TERM 1

Inquiry



Term 3

Our inquiry focus for Term 3 is “Local Government Elections”. As part of this unit children will have an opportunity to learn about the electoral process and the 2019 local government candidates. They will take part in a classroom election which will involve debating, campaigning and learning about the voting system. We hope to teach our tamariki about the importance of voting and raise issues from our own community that have a personal impact on their lives.

Classroom Programmes

Numeracy
Literacy (Reading and Writing)



Numeracy




Across the whole term we will work on Proportions and Ratios and Multiplication and Division. In our strand focus we will learn about Perimeter and Area and in the second half of the term we are going to look at Statistics.

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 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.

Writing

We will be focusing on writing tasks that tie in with our inquiry. As we are focusing on local body elections this term, the students

	<p>will be doing persuasive writing, e.g. why you should vote for me or writing to the council about what Titahi Bay and Porirua needs. We will also be writing reports on the election system, e.g. why we have elections, how they work, who votes etc.</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 3 is Achieve (Kia tutuki ai). Our students will learn to take pride in their achievements. Children will have the opportunity to set goals, and will monitor these goals throughout the term. We want all of our tamariki to feel confident in their learning and to feel safe to contribute towards class and group discussions.</p> <p><u>Net and Wall</u> In physical education, children will play a range of net and wall games including volleyball and racquet sports to develop more complex movement sequences and strategies in a range of situations. They will learn skilled shots to manipulate the defence and select and execute the most appropriate shot for the situation.</p> <p><u>Athletics</u> Later in the term, students will develop their technical understanding of athletic activity through a range of athletic events including long jump, high jump, discuss and running. This will lead into Term Four's whole school and interschool athletics events.</p>
<p>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 learning a new sāsā that they have created themselves.</p>
<p>Māori</p> 	<p>Our Te Reo Maori focus this term will be learning new waiata (songs) in preparation for our performance groups participation in Kotahitanga o Tuauru o Porirua at Titahi Bay Intermediate. Tamariki will be learning new kupu (words) related to our topic and also learn new whakatauki (proverbs) relating to our KURA value of "Achieve / Kia Tutuki ai"</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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| ● 25 July | Mana College Production |
| ● 29 July - 2 August | Cook Island Language Week |
| ● 5th August - 8th August | Book week |
| ● 8th August | Book Week House Event |
| ● 8th August | Whole School Assembly |
| ● 12th August | Young Leaders Award |
| ● 15th August | Kotahitanga Kapa Haka at TBI |
| ● 19th August | Powhiri |
| ● 20th August | Reward Trip for children who volunteer to support others during their break times |
| ● 26th August | Maths Week |
| ● 2nd - 6th September | Tongan Language Week |
| ● 6th September | Onesie Day (Wgtn Free Ambulance) |
| ● 13th September | Bike Maintenance Fix Up Day |
| ● 17th September | Rippa Tournament |
| ● 18th September | Camp 2020 Y5 Parent Meeting |