

Te Whare Māia (Year 5/6 Hub)

Term 2 Newsletter - Monday 30 April 2018

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 2, 2018 is here - WOW where has the year gone? This term is a 10 week term, but you can be guaranteed it will be jam packed with lots of learning, hands on experiences and FUN for our tamariki.

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OUR LEARNING IN TERM 2

Inquiry



Term 2

During Term 2, in Te Whare Māia we will be focusing on a consolidated term of learning. This will be based on consistent Reading, Writing, and Maths programmes and also be continuing our Te Reo, Kapa Haka and Topic lessons.

Our Electives will start this term and will run from Week 6 to Week 10. They will be held on Fridays from 11.00 -12.30.

Our Topic for the 1st half of the term is called “Bigger and Better”. The children will be learning about farming in New Zealand and researching about stock management, feeding and animal health, meat production and farm management. There is also a component on selective breeding and genetics. This unit has been designed by the New Zealand Young Farmers Association and during this time 30 Year 6 students will visit a farm as an extension activity.

Below is a link that will take you to the unit and what it covers:

<https://agrication.co.nz/resource/bigger-and-better/>

*Please note that we will NOT be covering the part of unit about Artificial Insemination.

During the 2nd half of the term we are studying “Music Through the Ages” and looking at the cultural influences on different musical styles.

Classroom Programmes

Numeracy Literacy (Reading and Writing)



Numeracy

We will be covering Number throughout Term 2, this will include basic facts, place value, and fractions. There will be two Maths strands, one in Measurement focusing on Perimeter, (how to calculate the total perimeter of a shape) and Ratios. The second half of the term will focus on Statistics and probability.

Reading

In reading, children will be focusing on aspects of the learning progressions that we have identified as the ones needing a push.

In Year 5 they will be working on:

Making sense of text: using knowledge of text structure and features with a particular focus on *using knowledge of plot structure to anticipate what will happen next in fiction texts, using knowledge of text structure to identify the writer's purpose, using punctuation to follow unattributed dialogue, and recognising rhyming and rhythm patterns in poetry.*

Acquiring and using information and ideas in informational texts with a particular focus on *locating and evaluating information in relation to reading purpose, identifying main ideas at whole text and paragraph level, identifying and rejecting small amounts of conflicting information between texts, and retrieving information from charts, maps and diagrams that extend the text.*

In Year 6 they will be working on:

Making sense of text: reading critically with a particular focus on identifying specific devices used to influence, evaluating the writer's use of language to influence, determining fact from opinion, and identifying what they think writer's intention was and whether they agree.

Reading to organise ideas and information for learning with a particular focus on using a range of frameworks to clarify reading purpose and to locate and organise information, generating and refining questions to guide research, selecting and previewing texts to evaluate their usefulness, making notes, and using frameworks/visual representations to organise ideas and information gathered.

Writing

This term will see our Years 5/6 children writing reports, instructions and explanations that relate to the topics being studied. They will also be describing pictures and using written prompts.

Spelling

Spelling for Term 2 will be focusing on learning spelling patterns, and spelling rules and conventions.

Health and PE



We have the school Cross Country at the beginning of the term. This will be held at Onepoto Park on Wednesday 9/5/18

Every class will do 2 structured PE (not sport) Sportstart sessions each week. The lessons take between 30/45 mins each and they are structured to the appropriate year levels.

Our Kura value for Term 2 is Respect.

The Arts	Our focus for Term 2 will be based around historical contexts (Impressionism and Cubism) and drawing landscapes related to our farming topic, in the first half of the term
Maori	Our Te Reo Maori focus this Term will be learning new whole school karakia (prayer) and waiata (songs). Tamariki will also learn, recite, and record their mihimihi/pepeha. Along with learning classroom objects, tamariki will also learn directional language, instructions and simple classroom commands.

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

- **Powhiri dates - 21st May, 25th June**
- **Seesaw launch to parents Beginning Term 2**
- **Assembly 7th May, 11th June**
- **School Cross Country - Wednesday 9th May**
- **School Photos Friday 11th May**
- **Friday 25 May 30 Year six students on Farm visit**
- **Queen's Birthday 4/6/18**
- **Year 6's to intermediate 13/6/18**
- **Matariki House Day Breakfast and Celebration 15/6/18**
- **Last day of Term 6/7/18**

REMINDERS

- Please ensure your child's updated civil defence kit has been returned to their teacher