

# Te Whare Māia (Year 5/6 Hub)

## Term 4 Newsletter - Monday 15 October 2018

Welcome to Term 4. We are nearly at the end of our school year and it won't be long before we are farewelling our Year 6s as they head off to go to intermediate in 2019. In Room 11, we continue to have our student teacher Sarah McLeod working with Janelle Reid, she will be here for the first two weeks of Term 4.

**Please note - Now that Term 4 is with us we need to be sunsmart and all Tamariki need to come to school with hats to wear at Morning Tea and Lunch, and also for PE. Please also remember to apply sunscreen in the morning before school.**

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

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### OUR LEARNING IN TERM 4

#### Inquiry






#### Term 4

For the first two weeks of the Term we will be focusing on learning the dance routines which the Ngahere classes will be performing on the Friday of week 2. Watch out for the notice about this at the beginning of the term.

After that we will be doing Innovation and Technology in the classroom where the tamariki will be learning to use technology more effectively, efficiently and creatively in the classroom. This will cover:

- how to take a good photo, various photo skills (lighting, framing, focus), transferring photos between devices/drive, camera/iPad settings.
- Video - how to record, save and transfer video (clear sound, good framing)
- Managing devices: simple routine for charging, transferring media, screen sharing/mirroring - chromecast/Apple TV
- Basics - Shortcuts
- Searching
- Managing iPads with kids
- File management: file naming, searching using Drive
- Different tools/apps students should be able to use, e.g. Seesaw, Book Creator, Storyboard , Google Apps - Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drawing

<p><b>Classroom Programmes</b></p> <p><b>Numeracy Literacy (Reading and Writing)</b></p> 	<p><b><u>Numeracy</u></b> This Term there will be two Maths strands, one in Statistics focusing on probability (If you roll two dice, what is the probability that the sum of the two is odd?) . The second half of the term will be Algebra, the focus will be decided by the class teacher but could include patterns, making equations make sense or graphing an algebra statement.</p> <p><b><u>Reading</u></b> In Reading, we will be focusing on comprehension and looking at text in depth. We will explore the writer’s purpose in fictional text, and look at how to organise and use information in nonfiction text.</p> <p><b><u>Writing</u></b> 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. For our Year 5 and 6 students, there will be a focus on the skills that they need to have mastered by the end of this year, i.e. paragraphs, sentence structure and tense.</p> <p><b><u>Spelling</u></b> In Term 4 we will continue to focus on learning spelling patterns, rules and conventions. Each class will focus on different area based on Pseudo test results from Term 3.</p>
<p><b>Health and PE</b></p> 	<p>Every class will do two structured physical education lessons each week through the SportStart programme. The lessons take between 30/45 mins each, and they are designed to teach specific skills appropriate to our year levels. This term we are focusing on Athletics. Students will develop a technical understanding of athletic activity. They will learn to set targets and work to improve their performance. This focus ties in with our upcoming whole school athletics day, inter-school athletics and regional athletics.</p> <p>Our Kura value for Term 4 is Kindness. We promote kindness through circle time activities and KURA lessons and we recognise acts of kindness during assembly and hui.</p>
<p><b>The Arts</b></p> 	<p>Our initial focus for Term 4 will be dance as we prepare for our production. Years 4-6 students will learn two dance routines each,, choreographed by specialist dance teachers from the ‘Dances for School’ organisation.</p> <p>Following this, we will focus on visual arts through technology as this links in with our Innovation and Technology Inquiry Unit. Students will learn to create visual art through programmes such as Google draw and iMovie.</p>



Our Te Reo Māori focus this Term will be polishing our skills in speaking, waiata, and karakia for our upcoming Year 6 leavers ceremony. We will be running Ki-o-rahi this term for the upcoming Ki-o-rahi interschool tournament in Week 6.

## 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

- 15th - 26th Oct Ngahere Dance Programme
- 26th Oct Evening Ngahere Dance Show, Matinee 1.45 pm and 5.30pm Performances
- 16th - 19th Oct ASB Getwise Programme
- 18th Oct NZ Shake Out Day
- 19th Oct EPRO8 Challenge
- 22nd Oct LABOUR DAY - no school this day
- 29th Oct - 19th Nov Wellington Touch programme
- Powhiri dates - 29th October, 26th November
- 6th Nov Y6 Leaders trip to Adrenalin Forest
- 7th Nov Inter School Athletics
- 22nd Nov Pasifika Evening
- 22nd Nov Y6 Trip to Waikanae Pools
- 23rd Nov Inter School Ki o Rahi Tournament
- 4th Dec Regional Athletics
- 6th Dec KURA on the Green
- Week 9 (beginning 10 Dec) End of Year Reports go home
- 11th Dec Visit 2019 class and teacher
- 12th Dec Y6 Farewell Night with Whanau
- 14th Dec Last Day of Term

