

Te Whare Māia (Year 5/6 Hub)

Term 2 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 2

Our inquiry focus for Term 2 is “Policing Through The Ages”. As part of this unit children will have an opportunity to learn about the changing role of women in the police force, learn about old and new technology and find out about how the judicial system works. We will conclude our inquiry unit with a visit to the Police Museum in week 9.



Parent Teacher Interviews

The Parent Teacher interviews take place on Monday the 1st of July, Tuesday the 2nd of July and Wednesday the 3rd of July. You are to book your time online. The School Interview site is: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Event code is - 9e6ah

You will be able to receive your child’s report at the interview.

School closes early on 1st and 2nd July at 2pm, and 3pm on 3rd July.

Classroom Programmes

**Numeracy
Literacy (Reading and
Writing)**





Numeracy

Across the whole term we will work on Number and Algebra with the students. This term there will be two Maths strands: the first half in Geometry and Measurement focusing on time (both 12 and 24 hour). The second half of the term will focus on problem solving: word problems, logic problems and larger questions requiring multiple steps to solve.

Reading

In Reading, our focus for Year 5 and 6 students is comprehension, (Reading to Learn). We want our students to be able to look at a text in depth, be able to find and retrieve information in a text, and be able to answer questions, justify

	<p>opinions and support their answers with detail. We also want our tamariki to be able to organise ideas and information from non-fiction texts, and present it 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. The students will look at newspaper articles and write their own “crime reports”. They will also write some explanations, e.g. “How Fingerprints are lifted” and will do some descriptive “Wanted” Poster writing.</p> <p><u>Spelling</u> Spelling is done within individual classes and is based on needs which have been identified in our testing.</p>
<p>Health and PE</p> 	<p><u>Cross Country</u> This term we get straight into training for cross country as we have our whole school cross country day fast approaching, on Wednesday 15 May. In training for this, our tamariki will be challenged in the beep test, and will have multiple opportunities to run the Onepoto course. In addition to this, they will practise their distance running, around the school grounds. Based on the results of our whole school cross country, a team will be selected to represent our school at the inter school cross country, to be held on Wednesday 22 May.</p> <p><u>KURA Focus</u> Our KURA focus in Term 2 is Respect (Whakarangatiratanga). Our students will learn to not only respect others, but to respect their environment and themselves. This value ties in nicely with our New Zealand Police inquiry.</p> <p><u>Gymnastics</u> The second half of this term will be a gymnastics focus. We will be focusing on the different movements in gymnastics; rolls, balancing and travelling. We will be working on the mats, using the beams and pommel horse where appropriate.</p> <p>This unit is part of the SportStart programme. The lessons take between 30/45 minutes each, and they are designed to teach specific skills appropriate to our year levels. Students will refine their movement skills and become more confident using their body.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">The Arts</p> 	<p>Tying into our Policing Unit, our art is inspired by things from the policing world. We will be doing fingerprint art, rubbing/etchings and prints. We will be making some “mugshot” art. We will also be looking at “chain gang” style music with synchronized movements.</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 style="text-align: center;">Māori</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Te Reo</p>	<p>Our Te Reo Maori focus this term will be learning new whole school non religious karakia (prayer), along with new waiata (songs) in preparation for our performance groups participation in Kotahitanga o Tuauru o Porirua at Titahi Bay Intermediate.. Tamariki will learning new kupu (words) related to our Policing topic. We will also learn new whakatauki (proverbs) relating to our KURA value of “Respect”</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"> ● 3rd May ● 6th May, 10th June ● 8th May ● 8th May ● 10th May - 7th June ● 27th - 31st May ● 15th May ● 22 May ● 3rd June ● 7th June ● 10th - 13th ● 14th June ● 20th June ● 24th - 27th June ● 1st - 3rd July ● 2nd July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bike Maintenance Group Workshop 2 Pōwhiri School Photos Whanau and Pasifika Night in hall Electives Samoan Language Week School Cross Country Inter School Cross Country Queen's Birthday Home and School Disco St Johns First Aid Sessions Teacher Only Day Interschool Netball Police College visits (Letter to go home) Parent Interviews Regional Cross Country |
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