



KERERU



NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora e te whānau!

Welcome back to school! We enjoyed seeing many of you at the picnic, and we are looking forward to our goal setting conferences in a couple of weeks where we can talk with you in more depth about your child. After a few short weeks we have begun to find our rhythm as a team and are well underway with learning - here is some of what's going on and what's to come.

Numeracy

Students have been cross-grouped for Maths based on their needs - this may mean that they are not with their Kaitiaki teacher for Maths. Our current focus is on Basic Facts, to ensure that we have a solid foundation when we go on to learn our addition and subtraction strategies later in the term.

Important dates

- CCSA Swimming 1st of March
- CCSA Tag 6th of March
- CCSA Cricket 8th of March
- Goal Setting Conferences 8th and 9th of March
- Colour Run 18th of March

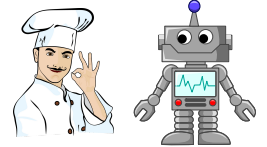
Literacy



Literacy testing is currently underway so that we as teachers can appropriately plan and meet our students' needs. We endeavour to integrate our learning, meaning that our inquiry learning is often woven through our literacy programme.

To increase our reading mileage, we read from shortly before school until 9:10 each day. Students can bring their own books, or choose from those provided at school.

Technology



We are fortunate to be able to go to Waimahia Intermediate for Technology starting next week (Week 5).

Students need to return their permission slip before they can attend. Year 7s attend Wednesdays and Year 8s Thursdays.

We will have 3 x 10 week sessions in Foods, STEAM and Robotics. We look forward to seeing what they achieve.

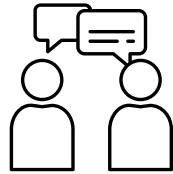




Homework

Homework will mainly be online, and based on what students are learning at school. Using Education Perfect, students can complete in-class learning or extend themselves at home. We also encourage reading at home each night - books are available at our school library.

Languages



This year, we are able to enhance our language programme using Education Perfect. This will enable students to move through their learning at their own pace, and explore languages ahead of their teachers - an exciting prospect!

P.E.



One day a week, students from each Kaitiaki will attend Physical Education sessions with Mrs. Baker. This term she is teaching small ball skills; this aligns with the CCSA competitions being held this term.

Performing Arts



One day a week, students from each Kaitiaki will attend Drama lessons with Mrs Wickman. They will explore ideas around sharing ideas through performance.

Inquiry



We have been learning about Te Tiriti ō Waitangi and what that means for all of us. We have also been learning about current events like the floods and cyclones. As we move into Week 5, our focus across the school will be Hauora (wellbeing).

Fitness/Health



Almost every day at 10am students will have a fitness session, where we will work on the skills learned in PE, and on our fitness goals, such as reaching 100km in 100K Club. The exception is Wednesdays when we will have a Health lesson instead. Our focus this term for Health is Te Whare Tapa Whā.

Visual Art



One day a week, students from each Kaitiaki will attend Art sessions with Ms Young. Their first project is a fresh-take on a self-portrait. We look forward to sharing these with you.

We look forward to seeing you at Goal Setting Conferences!

If you need to talk to us before then, please email your child's kaitiaki teacher.