

Year 5 / 6 Newsletter Term 4 2020



Tena Koutou. Welcome back to term 4. What a crazy year it has been! We can not wait to have our students back in the classroom in what will be a very busy, nine week term.

Theme

Our theme this term is looking at Change. We will be exploring this topic in a variety of ways throughout the term. These include how change is created within a country (Politics), how states of matter change, and how technology has changed over time.

Te Reo

The tamariki will be revisiting their pepeha created in Term 1 and gaining a deeper understanding of this. They will build their knowledge of Te Reo Māori by engaging in language games and waiata guided by the expertise of our kapa haka leader, Whaea Wharekuka.

Mathematics

The teachers will continue to work towards the next steps in number strategies for each student. We will also focus on Statistics as a strand, which includes reading and interpreting data and graphs, working out the probability of certain things and carrying out our own statistical investigation.

Reading

There will be a focus on developing decoding and comprehension strategies through a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Writing

The children will begin the term writing a speech around a topic of their interests. These will be based around the structure of PIE (Persuade, Inform, Entertain). Students will be exposed to a range of genres and learn about the key language features required to create purposeful pieces of writing.

Swimming

We are very lucky to be able to offer class swimming sessions from week six, leading into our swimming sports day on the Friday of week nine. We have limited sets of goggles at school. Please ensure your child has the appropriate equipment to participate in these sessions. We will not ring home for forgotten swimming items.

Your friendly teachers

Mr Jason Dombroski (Team Leader)
Miss Jessica Lampe
Mrs Katherine Maffey
Mr Dean Robinson

Important dates this term

Week 1: Shakespeare Day (Friday)

Week 2: Teacher Only Day (Friday)

Week 3: Labour Day (Monday)

Whānau Day (Thursday)

School Athletics Day (Friday)

Week 6: Class swimming begins.

Week 8: School Swimming Sports (Friday)

Reports sent home (Friday)

Week 9: Big Day Out (Tuesday)

BBQ Lunch (Wednesday)

Last Day of School - Finish 12pm (Friday)

Important Notices

Stationery: Please ensure your children have the stationery required for the last term. The main things to check would include blue pens, red pens, pencils and a ruler.

Sun Smart at School: Please remind your students to bring their hats to school as the weather heats up in term four. There will also be sun screen available for use in all classrooms.

Athletics: The students will be practising athletics every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for the first three weeks of the term. Please ensure they have clothing they will feel comfortable to do this in.

Big Day Out: Our annual "Big Day Out" will take place on Tuesday in Week 9. This will involve a trip to the pools for a free swim and some fun activities set up at the school. There will be no charge for this.

End of year BBQ: After such positive feedback last year, we will be hosting a celebration day instead of a formal prize-giving again this year. It will include:

- A chance for parents to visit the classroom and hang out with their kids at school.
- A free sausage sizzle
- A Parents v Students game of capture the balls.

There will be more information about this later in the term.