

RT, 6, 7 & 8 2020 Term 4 Newsletter

Kia Ora Parents/Carers/Pupils,

Welcome back to term 4. This year is certainly moving fast. We hope that you all enjoyed the holidays and the children are feeling re-energised for another exciting term - one in which the whole school will be focussing on the arts, while learning about different cultures around the world, culminating in a celebratory demonstration at the end of the term.

Our team is thinking of the Simmonds children with the loss of their dad recently and we will give them lots of love and support on their return to school.

Topics we are covering this term:

Writing	Procedural writing related to geography, creative writing
Reading	Guided reading groups with individual group focus
Maths	Geometry, statistics, algebra and financial literacy
Inquiry	Geography, cultural studies
Music	Weekly sessions with Sam Johnson continue this term
Physical Ed.	Athletics, ball activities
Health	How to be sunsmart, road sense - hazards
Maori	Various language and cultural activities
Dance/drama	Workshops to develop skills in these key areas of the arts

Homework/Class Blog

Please encourage your child to complete their homework and make sure they return their homework book every Friday. If you have any concerns, please see your child's teacher. Also remember to check your child's class blog to see what students have been up to.

Important dates:

- Science Fair - 22nd/23rd October for those students who have already entered
- Rippa Rugby Tournament - 11th November at Tukapa grounds for students in our Rippa Rugby teams
- Road Patrol Appreciation Day - Tuesday 24th November 10am to 2pm
- Cultural day - Week 9

- Senior School Athletics - Thursday 3rd December

Sunhats, drink bottles and sunblock

This term students are required to wear their red or black school hats. If your child has misplaced their hat, they are available from the school office for \$7 (subsidised by FOOS). Our sunsmart policy asks students either to wear their hats or stay under the shade during outdoor activities, intervals and lunch breaks. Please ensure that your child has their hat at school so that they can contribute fully to all school events. We do have sunscreen at school, but we also recommend that they apply this before they come to school. Please also make sure children have a named drink bottle every day. We are a 'water-only' school and value the importance of staying hydrated. There are water filters in classrooms for children to refill bottles.

Starting the day

Please remember that school starts at 9am. All children should arrive no later than 8:50am so they have time to get organised for the day. Children should not be arriving earlier than 8:30am unless they are bus children. Children who arrive after the 9:00am bell must report to the office to sign in.

Cell phones

We don't encourage children to bring a cell phone to school. However, if your child needs to bring a cell phone to school, it must be handed in on their arrival at school either to the school office or to your child's teacher. Your child will then pick up their phone at the end of the school day. Could you please remind your child of this rule. While at school if your child needs to contact home, they can do so once they have obtained permission from their teacher and can use the school phone.

Let's Go

This is the perfect time of year to be walking, biking, skating or scootering to school. Remember, if you live too far away you can drop your children off on South Road or behind the Four Square and they can walk from there. The main road crossing is supervised before and after school to help children cross. Pupils who walk, bike, skate, scooter or bus to school every day go into a prize draw which is drawn at our school assembly.

Thank you for your continuing support. We are all really enjoying the learning experiences in our team.

Kind regards, Judy Zieltjes, Julie Salisbury, Amy Buick and Megan Batley