

Te Pikiwati Newsletter

Monday 25th Hōngongoi/July - Friday 30th Mahuru/September



Kia Ora e te Whānau

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you have had a fun and relaxing holiday with whānau and friends. We are looking forward to the term ahead and have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned. Nau mai haere mai to Sophie Bryant who is starting in Rūma 6 this term.

Our new name!

Our Year 5/6 team will become known as the **Te Pikiwati** team.

Where our name comes from: The manga descends from the Kaitake peak, down the volcanic eastern slopes and enters Oakuramatapu Awa just below where the Kiri Stream enters.

Important Dates for Term 3

Week 1

Friday 29th July: Rooms 6 & 7 Year 6 pupils, Road Patrol Training

Week 3

Tuesday 9th August: NZ Playhouse Play Performance

Maths Week

Week 7

Speech Presentations

Week 8

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Week

Tuesday 13th September: Coastal Cross Country

Term 3 - Date to be confirmed

Year 6 Amazing Race

Inquiry/Pakirehua (Science/Pūtaiao, Digital Technology, Art/Mahi Toi, Health/Hauora, Tikanga Māori)

This term, we are focussing on:

- Pūtaiao - looking at gravity in different ways
- Dance/kanikani - Rakau/Poi/Bamboo Dancing; Art/Mahi Toi - Photography, printmaking, collage; Drama/Whakaari - Reader's Theatre using Māori legends
- Robotics, STEM activities and Envirokura

Underpinning our daily programme is a continued focus on mindfulness, breathing and problem solving strategies.

Literacy - Pānui/Tuhituhi

Through our reading, writing and oral language programmes we will be focussing on:

- Reading strategies (making connections, visualising and inferring) through our guided and independent reading sessions, and we will be introducing the CLOZE and reciprocal reading programmes.
- Information reports, persuasive writing (linked to speech writing) and poetry.
- Continuing to develop and broaden our vocabulary skills and knowledge.

Mathematics/Pāngarau

This term our focus is on:

- Developing skills and understanding in algebra, fractions, decimals and proportions and geometry.
- Continuing to develop our number knowledge, strategy and problem solving skills.

PE/Hākinakina

Throughout the term, we will be focussing on fitness and endurance for cross country, ball skills (throwing/catching/striking) and showing sportsmanship.

Music/Puoro/Waiata

Our team will continue to work with Tobias, our specialist music teacher. Tobias shared his wide range of skills last term and engaged the tamariki in a variety of fun and interactive activities. We look forward to seeing what this term brings!

Mask wearing at Orange Level

Mask wearing is required to start this term. Please send your child along to school with a mask everyday.

The logo features the text 'Kia atawhai' in a white, stylized, rounded font with a thick outline, set against a solid black rectangular background.

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any concerns or pātai regarding your child or school work.

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