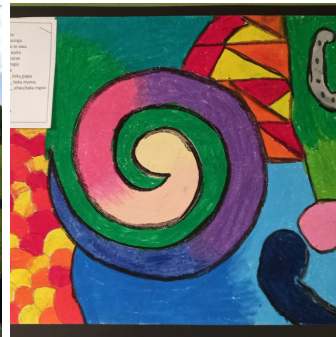


# Kiri te Whānau Newsletter

Term 2 2023

Wednesday 26th April/ Paenga Whāwhā- Friday 30th June/ Pipiri



## Kia Ora e te Whānau

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable holiday with whānau and friends. We are looking forward to the term ahead and have lots of exciting things planned.

### Important Dates for Term 2

#### Week 2:

Monday 1st May: Miro and Kahikatea Scooter skills  
Tuesday - Friday: Rewarewa, Tī Tawhiti & Tawa Bike Skills

#### 5th-16th May: Life Education

#### Week 3

Monday 7th: Final Bike Skills  
Thursday 10th: School Photos

#### Week 5

Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th & Friday 26th: Year 6 Swim Safety  
Thursday 25th: Barrett Cup

#### Week 6

Tuesday 30th: Host Interschool v St Pius  
Wednesday 31st: Whānau Lunch  
Thursday 01 June: Host Interschool v Spotswood

#### Week 7

Monday 5th: King's Birthday  
Wednesday 7th: Y5/6 Rippa Tournament

#### Week 8

Wednesday 14th: Puanga Breakfast  
Friday 16th: Reports home

#### Week 9

Wed/Thurs 21st/22nd: Learning Conferences

*Interschool v Frankley: Away game TBC*

### Interschool Sports - Year 5 and 6 tamariki

The interschool sports events will be held throughout this term:

- This year we will be playing against Spotswood, Frankley, and St Pius.
- A big thank you to the parents who have offered to coach these teams, we really appreciate your time and effort.

For the games that we host (home games), we request that those children playing in the teams bring a plate of afternoon tea to share with the visitors on that day. To ensure a spread of choice, we would like the football players to provide sweet items and the netball players to provide savoury items. Unfortunately neither school we are hosting is able to field a rugby team this year. Not all children are involved in the teams but we will all be supporting those who are playing during the home games. Whānau and friends are welcome to come and support the pupils too.

### Year 6 Road Patrol Training

At the end of last term, 39 Year 6 tamariki trained to be road patrollers. These children will begin their new duties in Week 5. Please keep a lookout for your child's roster for this role. Different classes are rostered on for a few weeks at a time so if your child does not bring home a roster for week 5, know that their turn is coming later in the term. This will continue for the rest of the year.

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

This term, we are focusing on:

- **Technology:** Looking back to move forward - Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua. I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past. Learning from what we have done well, recognising what we have achieved and what our challenges were along the way while continuing to move forward.
- **Tikanga Māori:** Puanga - increasing our knowledge of this special event and preparing for our Puanga breakfast and celebration, continuing to develop our knowledge around Marae protocols, Ngā Mihi, Ngā Poroporoaki, Te Maramataka and Te Wā.
- **Hauora**
  - Life Education: linked to our Relationship and Sexuality Education about what makes us unique and our changing bodies.
  - Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE): We will be learning about ourselves, our relationships with others, our changing bodies, and staying safe. For the Year 5 & 6 this includes 'Who am I? Ko wai au?' which discusses being unique, understanding our personal learning journeys, recognising media influences on identity and thinking about gender. For the Year 3 & 4 this includes 'Who am I? Ko wai au?' which discusses personal qualities, culture in the classroom, my whānau, being unique, gender diversity and what makes each of us happy.
    - Ka puawai, ka hiki ke te harae. A blossoming takes place, a journey is set out on.
  - Doing the Right Thing - Police Education unit focusing on being able to distinguish the difference between lies and the truth, the need for rules and how to develop rules and laws, the qualities of a role model.
  - Roots of Empathy - a special program for Kahikatea and Miro classes that will be ongoing for the rest of the year.
- **Mahi Toi:** Arts Rotation including dance, drama, music (recorder), printmaking, poupou art and poi & rakau skills. The Year 5 & 6 classes will also have a fortnightly music session with Sam Johnson on a Monday.
- **Enrichment:** an opportunity for the tamariki to try new activities based on promoting our learning profile goals.

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

**Can you help? Would you like to join our learning sessions? Please get in touch. Our emails are below.**

## **Literacy - Pānui/Tuhituhi**

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

- Reading strategies (predicting and questioning) through our guided and independent reading sessions, and we will be introducing the SHARP reading programme.
- Poetry and explanation writing.
- Developing and broadening our vocabulary skills and knowledge.

## **Mathematics/Pāngarau**

This term our focus is on:

- Developing skills and understanding in multiplication, division and algebra.
- Continuing to develop our number knowledge, strategy and problem solving skills.

## **PE/Hākinakina**

Throughout the term, we will be focusing on fitness, ball skills (throwing/catching/striking), skipping and being a team player. Our Interschool and rippa skills will be worked on in preparation for the upcoming tournaments. Linked to this, the Miro and Kahikatea classes will be having a scooter skills session and Rewarewa, Ti Tawhiti and Tawa will be having bike skill sessions.





## Life Education

This term, the Life Education truck will be visiting our school for the first few weeks with a focus on linked to our Relationship and Sexuality Education about what makes us unique and our changing bodies.

## Music/Puoro/Waiata

This term, our Year 5 and 6 tamariki have the opportunity to work with Sam Johnson, our specialist music teacher. The children will develop confidence and understanding in creating and sharing their own music.

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

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## Highlights from Term One:

