

Te Tipu Newsletter, Term 2 2023

Growing great learners for today and tomorrow



We hope you managed to get a bit of a break over Easter! We are all back and ready for action!

Our Te Tipu team remains the same as in Term 1 with Whāea Shar in Room 1, Whāea Amanda in Room 2, Whāea Louise in Room 3 and Whāea Jo in Room 5. Whāea Hannah continues to cover release for Whāea Louise and and Whāea Jo. Mrs McHugo also releases Whāea Amanda on Mondays. Mr Bond is also back after his time in Room 10 and he will be working in Room 1 on Wednesdays. Jo is the Team Leader with Wendy Keating as our Junior Deputy Principal. We have a busy Term 2 planned.

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Our Learning this term

In Te Tipu (Years 0 -3) we aim to provide environments rich in literacy and numeracy. Mathematics and Literacy are the key components of learning in our area of the school.

Literacy:

Rooms 1, 2 & 3 will be continuing on their BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach) learning this year, if you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. Room 5 will be working on "The Code" which follows on from BSLA and focuses on spelling patterns and rules, alongside reading and writing.

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Maths:

The first part of the term will be focused on measurement (including length, volume, capacity and weight.) The focus will then be on number knowledge and strategies for addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and statistics.

PE:

Our focus for PE in the first half of the term will be on 'Footsteps Dance', where we get the experts in and they run sessions with the students. Some of you will remember from previous years, the students love these sessions. The first half will also be focussed on building stamina, resilience and fitness as we train for the school cross country event. As we will be training most days, please make sure your child has suitable footwear to run on the concrete, gravel and the grass.

PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning):

We continue to develop our understanding of PB4L as a school, with a focus on 'How am I being a HEART student?'

Seesaw

Please continue to link in with Seesaw, it really is a great way for teachers to show you what your child is doing in their class, especially when they say "we did nothing!" or "I dunno!!!" or the good old shoulder shrug! Your comments are so valuable too. If you are unsure how to use Seesaw or you are having trouble signing up, please let us know.

Te Ao Māori

We will continue to build our knowledge of Te Ao Māori with our in-class programme run by Whāea Amanda. We will also have our junior Kapa Haka learning on a Monday as well. This term we encourage you to engage in the materials for our Matariki Breakfast, it would be so good for everyone to sing the songs together and maybe get the dancing shoes on too! The newsletter will be a great place to access the information.

Library reminder

At the moment the library days for the classes are as follows.

Room 1 - Friday

Room 2 - Monday

Room 3 - Friday

Room 5 - Thursday

Your child will be able to take out two books at a time and they can change them during their class library time. Please make sure books come back to school. If you have any outstanding books still at home, please return them ASAP.

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Assemblies

Assemblies are every other Friday at 9am starting in week 3. If your child is a H.E.A.R.T student you will be notified. It is always nice to have people here to celebrate their child's success, if you can.

Term 2 Dates:

Week 1 - (24 - 28 April)

Friday - Mihi Whakatau

Week 2 (1 - 5 May)

Tuesday - Footsteps

Sunday 6th - King's Coronation

Week 3 (8 - 12 May)

Book Week and Book Fair

Tuesday - Footsteps

Friday - Assembly

Week 4 (15 - 19 May)

Road Safety Week

Cross Country day TBC

Tuesday - Footsteps

Thursday - Pink Shirt day

Week 5 (22 - 26 May)

Tuesday - Footsteps

Friday - assembly

Week 7 (5 - 9 June)

Monday - King's Birthday - - no school!

Friday assembly - hosted by Te Tipu

Week 8 - 12 - 16 June

Monday 'Strike!' concert

Week 9 (19 - 23 June)

Friday - assembly

Week 10 (26 - 30 June)

Friday Matariki Breakfast - more details to follow

Last day of term 2