

Te Tipu Newsletter, Term 3 2023

Growing great learners for today and tomorrow



Kia ora Whānau!

Welcome back to Term 3 of 2023 - time is certainly flying by!

We hope you all had a good break and enjoyed some family time.

There are a couple of small changes to our set up this term. Whāea Louise will now be released every Friday and Richard Bond will be taking her class each week. Whāea Jo will now be released every other Friday and Whāea Hannah will be taking her class. Room 5 are also very lucky to have Whāea Mel working in their room as a Student Teacher on placement from week 1 to the end of week 4. We welcome her to the team!

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Thank you to everyone who came to our Learning Conversations, it is great to be able to share the wonderful work the children are doing. If you have any further questions or concerns about your child and their learning, please let us know, our doors are always open.

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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:

BSLA continues to be run in Rooms 1, 2 and 3 and The Code is being run in Room 5 to support spelling.

Every **Thursday** we are sending home the readers that are associated with your child's BSLA class. Please make sure that your child returns this book on Monday morning. It is vital that the books are returned to school in order for the readers to reach everyone now and in the future.

Maths:

This term our maths focus in year 0 -1 will be on Number Knowledge and Strategies, and Patterns and Relationships. Year 1 -2 will be focusing on Fractions, Number Knowledge and Strategies. and Position and Orientation. Year 3 will be focussing on Statistics and Probability, Fractions and Number Knowledge and Strategies.

PE and Health:

Our focus this term will be on Striking and Fielding. This will include throwing and catching, striking with a stick, bat or foot. We will also be developing our team skills and playing cooperatively.

Our Health aspect will be the Life Education programme that will be visiting with Harold the Giraffe in week 8 of this term. Our Junior focus is on "Friendship and Feelings"

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.

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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. Our focus this term is around Place Based Learning, particularly how names came about in and around parts of Aotearoa such as Hokianga.



Library

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A reminder, these are the days for the junior classes. Please remember to bring library books in.

Room 1 - Tuesday 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.

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 3 Dates so far...

Week 2 (Tuesday 25th July) - NZ Playhouse performance of Treasure Island

Week 5 (18th August) - School Disco - more information to come

Week 8 and 9 (4th - 12th September) - Life Education is here.

(Saturday 9th Sept) - Paddy's Mart

Week 9 (11th- 15th Sept) Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori.

Please don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

Ngā mihi,

Sharyn Ollard, Amanda Searle, Lousie Leith and Jo Hillier.