

**Thursday 17 October 2019**

Rooms 10,11, 12, 13 and 14 Term 4 Newsletter



## **Dear Parents/Caregivers**

Welcome back. Term 4 is always a busy time and we are looking forward to a fulfilling term. This is also a term when children can reflect on goals they have set for themselves, and celebrate the great learning that has been happening during the year. Key details about programmes can be found in our Long Term Plan.

### **Integrated Studies**

Our key unit of work, this term, is a social science unit, about teamwork. This will be focusing on understanding the benefits of working in teams, and the attributes required to make teams successful. We will be looking at a range of teams (including sports teams, school groups, community teams and families!) and also get involved in some team-building activities, as a “hands-on” way to identify how teams work best.

### **Mathematics**

To start the term, we are focussing on learning about fractions, proportions and ratios. Later in the term, as part of the geometry strand, we will be developing our understanding of location by writing instructions (using directional and computational language) and testing them to ensure they are correct. This is also an important step in coding, which forms part of the new digital technology curriculum.

### **Oral Language**

For oral language this term, we will be sharing current events. Each class will receive a roster for when they need to share news. You could help prepare your child for this, by choosing an interesting aspect of current events to discuss with them each week.

### **Interchange Programme**

During this term, children will continue to be involved in an interchange programme on Monday afternoons. This term, the programme will include: Cooking, Te Reo Māori, Science, Library and Information Skills, Fabrics Technology and Coding. As always, we are grateful for the parents who are able to help with cooking.

### **KiVa Programme**

We will be continuing to run regular KiVa sessions.. This term, sessions will include: “We will not join in with bullying”, “The bullied child needs your support”, “I will not be bullied”. Children will complete the KiVa contract and a pupil survey about KiVa and their perspectives about bullying.

### **EOTC**

Our Year 2-4 EOTC Week is 25th -29th November. This week involves experiences outside the classroom, both at school and off-site, such as a beach visit and a hike. We will require parent help for this week. More information will follow about this in a couple of weeks.

### **Book Week Activities**

As part of our literacy programme, on 30 October we will have a local author visiting to talk with the learners. On Monday 11 November there will be a dress-up day where students can come dressed as their favourite character.

### **Talent Quest**

The school Talent Quest is on 4 November. This is a student led-event where any child in the school is able to share their talents with the school.

### **Stationery**

Some students are now short of items of stationery, which are essential to the tasks they undertake at school. Please check with your child what they need and ensure that they have everything they require.

### **Clothing/Sun Safety**

To be SunSmart, students need to wear their school sunhat at school every day and ensure that sunscreen is applied to all exposed areas before school daily. Students need to wear appropriate shoes and clothing for Physical Education. Please remind children that at school they need to keep shoes **on** for safety reasons.

As always, we welcome questions or feedback about any aspect of our programmes. Thank you for your support.

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