

Year 0, 1 and 2 Newsletter Term 3 2022

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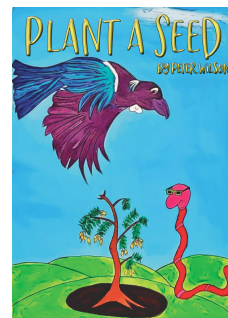


Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to all our new students and their families to Seatoun School. We hope you have all had a refreshing July break and are all set for Term 3. Term 2 was busy with Conferences and Matariki. We will be supporting the children to achieve their goals that were set in the conferences at the end of last term.

Term 3 Learning Focus

Our first inquiry this term is a social science unit called “Pūrakau Plus”. This entails exploring the myths and stories of Aotearoa. The children will be learning about local stories, such as Ngake and Whataitai and also many of the Māui stories. They will be exploring what these stories explain and why they are important. We will be incorporating art, drama, oral retelling, reading and writing into this inquiry. We will also be developing our knowledge and use of Māori language. For our Year 2 students this will be building on the work that the students did last year.



In the second part of the term we will be exploring plants. Children will be encouraged to ask questions and investigate what plants require to stay alive. As part of this inquiry, the children will be part of a live performance at school from the Little Dog Theatre Company who will present a performance ‘Plant a Seed’ directed by Jacqueline Coats and performed by Kenny King and Laurel Mitchell on August 22.

Additional Activities

The Year 2 students will be having a cricket session on Monday 8 or Tuesday 9 August. There is a special Yoga sessions for the children on August 17. We will be busy preparing our Calendar Art to support the FOSS fundraiser and the term will culminate in an art exhibition in the last week of term.

Formal Enrichment Programme

The Formal Enrichment programme will be running on Weeks 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. There has been a wonderful response from parents and we have lots of interesting activities, ranging from glockenspiel, cooking, electronic exploration, green screen, art and craft, science activities on offer for the children.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we will continue to develop Addition/Subtraction and Multiplication/Division skills. To start the term, the strand focus will be geometry - the students will be exploring the concepts of measurement and shape. Towards the end of the term, the strand focus for Year 0 and 1 will be measuring time and for Year 2 will be measuring area. There will also be some work on temperature.

Swimming in Term 4

A reminder that swimming will be happening every Thursday in Term 4. Please help prepare your child by encouraging them to dress and change themselves independently. It is also a good idea for children to familiarise themselves with the Kilbirnie Pool, prior to next term.

As you can see, it will be a busy term and we are very grateful for the ongoing support that you provide and the enriching programmes that we are able to do, with the parent help provided.

Ngā mihi,

Susan Kliffen, Ben Haddock, Peggy Bruce, Helen Taylor, Bex Quinn, Cath Hardy, Jemma Rapson