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Kia ora parents, whānau and caregivers.

It's Term 2! I'm looking forward to getting into a whole bunch of exciting subjects and programmes throughout the term.

SCHOOL FOCUS

Our focus as a school for Term 2 is 'Whakarite – Organised.' Being organised for learning is an important value of our school and will be especially important for our students who are readying themselves to be intermediate students next year. We will continue meeting with our Middle School buddy class developing relationships and demonstrating organisation during group activities and games.

LITERACY

During Term 2 we will be continuing to focus on deep language features as we continue to explore narrative and descriptive writing. Later in the term, there will be more of a focus on persuasive writing in preparation for speech writing. Speeches will begin during week 9 with 3 students from each senior school class selected to participate in the finals in week 10.

MATHEMATICS

Cross grouping mathematics will continue across the senior school to ensure that they are working with other students at a similar level. We will also continue working through the individual PRIME books in these designated classrooms.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This term we are going to break down the fundamental techniques and skills that are used in throwing, passing and kicking through a range of different sports. We will also be navigating our way through the Zones of Regulation programme, exploring emotions/feelings and utilising different strategies when we are overwhelmed to get ourselves ready for learning. Finally, we will also be participating in the Food for Thought programme, where the students will have the opportunity to explore healthy food choices and have the opportunity later in the term to go into a supermarket and practice making healthy eating choices.

SOCIAL STUDIES/ MAAORI LANGUAGE TOPIC

We will be looking at Kupe's migration story to New Zealand, investigating how his journey compares and contrasts to other groups of people who have migrated to New Zealand today.

MUSIC / SCIENCE

As a class we have an exciting opportunity to take part in the Fuse Drumming programme! Only a few of the senior school classes across the school have been given this opportunity to play and learn about music with drum sticks and buckets that have been supplied to the school. We will also be delving into the science behind music and sound.

WHAT'S ON WHEN

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

There will be no school on the 4th and 21st of June. Monday 7 June is also a public holiday.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In class lessons for Food for Thought will be taught during week 7 of the term. In week 8, on Wednesday the 23rd of June room 27 will be walking up to the Hillcrest New World as part of the programme. We will need some parent helpers to get us there and back! More details will be sent home about the trip and how you could help in a couple of weeks time.

PARENT CONVERSATIONS

Parent conversations will be taking place in week 10 from the 5-7th of July. The Parent Conversation online bookings will open on the 15th of June.

MATARIKI

Week 9 we will be exploring and celebrating Matariki with two buddy classes from across the school (one from the Middle School and one from the Junior School)

WINTER SPORTS DAY

This is an opportunity for the students to give a new winter sport a go! This will be happening on the 30th of June.

Reminders

MY DUTY DAYS:

After school on Wednesdays and before school on Thursdays.

MEDICATION:

A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the office for any medication administered at school. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.

CELL PHONES:

We prefer children to leave cell phones at home, but understand that some children require a cell phone for safety reasons and to contact family members after school. Children must be responsible with their cell phones, using them appropriately and not during the school day.

SPARE CLOTHES

Please ensure that your child has a spare pair of named clothing in their bag throughout the year. There are many times that they may become muddy, wet or need a change for some other reason. This is important for term 1 and 2, and even more so for terms 3 and 4.

My door is always open and I am always pleased to have visits from family, so please, pop in and see me sometime!

Kind Regards
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