

TE WHENUA

Newsletter - Term 1, 2020

Kia Ora & Welcome

Kia ora whānau, and welcome to Te Whenua 2020. We hope everyone had some time to relax during the summer break. We have an exciting term planned, with lots of learning and great opportunities for our tamariki.

Yours sincerely,

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This term we will be working with Kiwi Sports. They will be coming in to teach the children hockey skills. We will also provide opportunities for regular fitness and team sports.

IMPORTANT DATES

WIKI 4

- Thursday 27th February Family Fun Night
- Te Whenua Rua hosting Friday whole school assembly

WIKI 5

- Wednesday 4th March House Challenge

WIKI 6

- Te Whenua Rima hosting Friday whole school assembly

WIKI 9

- Thursday 2nd April Student Led Conferences

WIKI 10

- Wednesday 8th April Athletics Day

LITERACY

We will begin our reading programme for this term in Week 3. Students will bring a book home to read with you. They may sometimes bring the same book home for a few days to develop fluency. We encourage students to choose books for enjoyment from home or the local library as well. In Writing, we will be working on descriptive writing and poetry. We will be looking at the different ways we can paint a picture through our writing.

INQUIRY

Whanaungatanga is our focus for this term. We are looking at Identity and Culture, focusing on these questions.

- Who am I? - Identity
- Who are you?
- Who are we? - getting to know each other

COMMUNICATION

Communication between home and school is important. We will be using Seesaw in our classrooms. You will be able to see your child's work through this application as well as important notices and information posted by teachers. For more information about Seesaw, talk to your child's teacher.



NO HAT NO PLAY

We are in term 1 which means that all students ARE required to wear their school hat at morning tea and lunch. Please remind your child to put their sunhat in their school bag. We appreciate your support.

WATER ONLY

Oranga School is proud to be one of the first schools to become a Water Only School. We have been a water only school since 2005. Your child will need a named water bottle to bring to school each day.

HOMEWORK

Every Monday, children will bring home their homework book with their weekly spelling words. They are to learn their words ready to be tested on Friday. They are also expected to read every night. We would appreciate it if you could ensure your child's homework is done each night (where practical).

NUMERACY

In Numeracy, we will start off the term with statistics (graphs) as our focus. We will then move on to solving addition and subtraction problems using mental strategies.

SCHOOL HOURS

Classrooms are open for students at 8:30am. A bell rings at 8:55am to let children know it is time to go to class and school learning begins. School finishes at 3:00pm. If you need to pick up your child before 3:00pm or drop them off after 9:00am, please sign them out at the office.