# TE RANGI

Newsletter - Term 4, 2019

#### WELCOME BACK

Kia ora whānau, and welcome back to Term 4. We hope everyone had some time to relax during the break. We are looking forward to a busy and productive term. We have lots of exciting learning planned for our tamariki.

Yours sincerely,

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#### IMPORTANT DATES

WIKI 3 - Labour Day (Monday)
No School
Fono

WIKI 5 - School Athletics

WIKI 6 - EOTC Week

WIKI 10 -

Awards Assembly (Monday)
Year 6 Graduation (Tuesday)
Last Day of Term (Wednesday)

## LITERACY

This term we are going to focus on listening and viewing skills. Students will work on evaluating and responding to information gathered from both written text, as well as audio and videos.

In writing we will start the term with a focus on narrative texts and then we will learn about explanation texts. This will link into the students' inquiry projects this term.



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**

Number Knowledge will be our focus for the first half of term 4. We will then be moving on to Geometry with a focus on classifying plane shapes and prisms using their spatial features. We will use this opportunity to learn the names of shapes in te reo Māori as well linking to our inquiry by looking at shapes, patterns and spatial features of art and objects in historical society.

### COMMUNICATION

We value communication between school and home and we aim to provide a range of opportunities to connect with whānau. You can find our Te Rangi classroom blogs on the school website where we post newsletters, notices and students' work. We use Seesaw for students to share their work with whānau. Please speak to your teacher for more information about Seesaw.



#### NO HAT NO PLAY

WE ARE NOW IN TERM 4 WHICH MEANS THAT ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEIR SUNHAT AT MORNING TEA AND LUNCH. PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO PUT THEIR SUNHAT IN THEIR SCHOOL BAG. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

#### INQUIRY

Each class in Te Rangi this term will be looking at a different ancient civilisation. Students will have the task of creating a board game using the ancient civilisation theme. It will contain 20 question cards, as well as an explanation text card which must be read by the players in order to have the information to answer the question cards. Instructional text on how to play the game will also be written to go on back of gameboard. At the end of the term, the students of Te Rangi will get to play each other's games. This will provide them with the opportunity to learn about the different civilisations.

## YEAR 6 PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

As we are starting to prepare for our Year 6 leaving ceremony, we would like to ask for a photograph of your child at 5 years old. This will be used for the slideshow presentation which is always a highlight for the Year 6s. This can be sent to Miss Seba via email or hardcopy which will be scanned and returned to you. We really appreciate your support.



Physical education is an important part of our daily and weekly programme. We provide daily opportunities for students to participate in fitness activities. This term, students will start with athletics and then follow with team sports.