

# Te Rangī Team Newsletter

## Term 2 2019



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Tena Koutou, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Anyonghasayo, Konnichiwa, Kia orana, Bonjour, Guten Tag, and Greetings.

### WELCOME BACK

Haere mai and welcome back to Term 2. We hope everyone had some time to relax during the break. We are looking forward to a busy and productive term ahead. We have exciting learning ahead of us this term.

### Inquiry:

#### **The Wonderful World of Science and Technology**

For our inquiry topic this term we will be focusing on Science and Technology, the children will spend the first few weeks looking into the different aspects of these curriculum areas. They will then have the opportunity to choose something within these areas that they want to delve into more. They will spend their inquiry time during the term learning as much as they can about their choice and then present a lesson to the class at the end to teach us something new.



### Maths:

This term we will explore Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, Measurement and Multiplication and Division. We will have a focus throughout the term on number, teaching the children different strategies to help solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems. Basic facts are very important as they are the basis for a lot of the topics in maths. Please encourage and help your child to learn their facts every night.

### Literacy:

This term in Reading, we are going to continue to focus on comprehension skills. These include visualising, predicting, inferencing and vocabulary. In Writing, the children will be learning to look at the different types of persuasive texts and will construct their own. We will also have a small focus towards the end of term on plays and play writing. Perhaps you can help at home by encouraging your child to read these types of texts.



### Homework:

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

### Lunch:

We are encouraging children to bring healthy food items in their lunchbox and a water bottle to school so they can regularly drink during the day without interrupting learning time to go to the outside tap. We are a 'water-only' school, so please refrain from giving small packs of juice or any other kind of drinks.

As a school, we are trying hard to reduce rubbish and to encourage composting. We expect the children to take home their lunch boxes with all their scraps (unless they can be added to our worm farm) and wrappers, for recycling. This is an opportunity to use small containers to help reduce litter and reuse resources.



### Before and after school routine:

All children to be ready to start the school day promptly at 8.55am. This means children need to arrive between 8.30am and 8.45am every day. At the end of the day, we expect children to leave the school grounds before 3.15pm. For security reasons, we lock the gates at 3.15pm. We have before and after school care facilities run by Skids. If you require their services, please contact our school office.



### Physical Education

This term we will be working with Kiwi Sports as part of our Health and P.E. Curriculum. They will be coming in to teach the children netball skills. We will also be doing sports on a Tuesday afternoon, during the term. We will focus on basketball, touch rugby and soccer. The children will have the opportunity to learn new skills in each sport and play the sport with and against their peers.

### Term Two Events

- Week 4 - Whole School Assembly - Te Rangi Paheko
- Week 6 - Queens Birthday (No School)
  - Class Photos (Tuesday)
  - Dog Safety Lessons
- Week 9 - Student Led Conferences
- Week 10 - MOTAT Trip (Thursday)
  - Whole School Assembly - Te Rangi Arawhiti
  - Last day of Term 1 (Friday)



### Mandarin Lessons

We are very privileged to be able to continue to provide the opportunity for the children in Te Rangi Team to participate in Mandarin lessons. These will be 1 hour sessions each Thursday. The children will learn some Mandarin and about different aspects of the Chinese culture.

### Communication:

Communication between home and school is important. You can access further information from your child's classroom teacher and see what they are doing in class through their Seesaw accounts. A link to these can be sent to you from your child's classroom teacher. You can also **LIKE** our school facebook page which will keep you up to date with information and news. Just search **Oranga Primary** in Facebook. We are all very happy to meet with you if you have any concerns or queries about your child's learning. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher to make an appointment.



We look forward to a successful, productive and fun term!

Yours sincerely,

Teri Doyle - Team Leader (Te Rangi Raranga), Seba Dilaimi (Te Rangi Raranga), Cornelia Martin-Austin (Te Rangi Paheko), Sara Faletui (Te Rangi Paheko), Jason Bay (Te Rangi Arawhiti)