

# Whanake Term Two Newsletter

## WELCOME TO TERM TWO!

We hope whaanau and learners have had a wonderful couple of weeks and enjoyed the Easter break.

This term, we have a lot of exciting learning and events ahead. It is an assessment term and students will sit online PAT tests. This will allow us to identify your child's strengths and where we can provide further support to ensure ongoing progress in all areas!

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April: ANZAC Day (public holiday)
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Whanake Adopt a Park Outing
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Pink Shirt Day
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2.10pm: Senior Assembly
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Photolife Class and Individual Portraits
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May: Sibling Photolife Portraits
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June: King's Birthday (public holiday)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2.10pm: Whanake Team Assembly
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: 3-Way Conferences
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2.10pm: Senior Assembly
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Fun Run Day

## Reading

Tamariki will be continuing to develop decoding skills and Reading strategies this term - in particular visualising, inferring and comparing and contrasting texts. Progress in fluency will remain a top priority, using the echo and choral reading approach during guided reading sessions. As always, developing vocabulary will be a focus as learners progress and begin to read more complex texts.

## Writing

Learners will build upon term one's focus in Writing: punctuation and sentence structure, whilst learning how to develop their own ideas effectively and also incorporate more impactful vocabulary in their Writing. They will do this through creating narrative and information pieces of texts. Tamariki will also be learning about persuasive writing - an area of writing that will be brand new learning for many!

## Maths

In Maths learning, students will be continuing with Number, specifically multiplication and division strategies for the first part of the term.

In the second half of the term, tamariki will be learning about Measurement, building their maths vocabulary in this area and gaining an understanding of different types of measurement and conversions.

## Conceptual

'People contribute to sustainable futures by taking economic, environmental and / or social action' takes on a Science focus in Term 2. Students will learn about deforestation, ecosystems, nutrition through food and pests that threaten our native flora and fauna. Learners will be doing hands on experiments using the scientific method and gain an understanding of how to take meaningful action to sustain our environment.

