Haemata Newsletter

Term 4

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful break and are ready for the last term of school for 2026! We have an action-packed term ahead, full of exciting events like Wheels Day, our Diwali celebration, Athletics, and Water Play Day. Along with our busy calendar, students will be exploring cultural games in P.E., creating art around global traditions, and diving into our conceptual focus on protecting our language, culture, and heritage as a taonga.

Upcoming Events

- Monday 19th Oct - Whole School Assembly @ 10:15am
- Friday 23rd Oct - Teacher Only Day
- Monday 26th Oct - Labour Day
- 27th - 28th Oct - Wheels Day
- Friday 30th Oct - Diwali Celebration TBC
- Tuesday 3rd Nov - Junior School Assembly @ 12pm
- Monday 23rd Nov - Whole School Assembly @ 10:15am
- Monday 30th Nov - Junior Athletics Celebration Day
- Thursday 3rd Dec - Safe Steps, Safe Wheels, Safe Waters Day
- 9th, 10th, 11th Dec - 2027 Class Visits
- Friday 11th Dec - Cultural Parade @ 11:45am, Whole School and Whaanau Picnic (meet 2027 teacher) @ 12:45pm - 1:30pm
- Monday 14th Dec - Water Play Day
- Tuesday 15th Dec - Haemata & Whanake Prizegiving @ 11:25am - 12:45pm
- Wednesday 16th Dec - Last day of school, 12:30pm finish

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Reminders!

Hats: As this is a summer term, students will need to bring a named, red bucket hat to school.

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Term 4 Learning

Literacy: We will still be following the Structured Literacy scope and sequence in Reading. Some groups will also be taught a range of spelling rules from the Code. Our focus in Writing through the Syntax Project will be structure and language, organisation and punctuation.

Math: In Term 4, our Year 3 mathematicians will be building their confidence and accuracy with a range of important number and measurement skills. We will be learning to use the column method for addition and subtraction, as well as developing our understanding of written methods for multiplication and division. We will also explore measurement, including measuring length in centimetres and metres and mass in grams and kilograms. We look forward to strengthening our problem-solving skills and applying our maths learning to real-life situations!

P.E: Students will explore language, culture and heritage through movement and play. They will take part in a variety of cultural games, including Kho Kho, Lape and traditional Maaori games. Through these activities, students will build coordination, teamwork and communication skills while learning to play safely, fairly and respectfully. They will also discover how games can connect us with, and teach us about, different cultures and traditions.

School Values: This term we are focusing on all three school values: Manaaki (Caring), Mana Motuhake (Responsibility) and Whakamiha (Respect).

Art: Art learning will link to language, culture and heritage by exploring a cultural celebration from a different country through the Arts. Students will learn about the celebration's traditions, meaning and origins, while developing an understanding of why it is important to the people and communities who celebrate it.

Conceptual: Our conceptual learning will continue to explore the theme of Sustainability, with a focus on our guiding question: "Our language, culture and heritage is a taonga - how do we protect it for the future?" Through this learning, our team will explore a range of concepts connected to our guiding question, including culture, traditions, heritage and identity. Students will develop an understanding of the importance of respecting and celebrating different cultures, while exploring ways we can value, preserve and protect our language, culture and taonga for future generations.