Term 4 Newsletter



Kia ora Whanake whaanau and welcome to Term 4! It is hard to believe we are at this point of the year already. As always, Term 4 is going to be a busy one, including PAT assessments, Athletics, prize giving...and of course engaging learning experiences. Please refer to the 'Important Dates' on the next page, to keep track of what's happening around our kura.

Reading

This term, learners will be focussing on the comprehension skills of comparing and contrasting different texts (which also helps to develop their critical thinking and organisation skills) as well as summarising a text. Improving fluency by carrying out choral and echo reading, will also continue to be a focus. Through shared reading, new vocabulary will be discussed and activities connected to this will help learners retain this new knowledge.

Writing

Term 4 will be an opportunity to revise everything that we have covered in writing for the year - utilsing and experimenting with various punctuation, developing ideas and transferring these into sentences, utilising interesting vocabulary and creating a mood and using a variety of sentence structures for impact. While revisiting these areas of writing, students will continue to focus on the writing process: from planning to publication.

Maths

In Mathematics, learning how to conduct a statistical investigation, followed by presenting and analysing findings will be a continued at the beginning of the term. This will be followed by Geometry, including describing the attributes of 3D shapes. Following this, learners will be revising Number, specifically addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as learning financial Mathematics and calculating the total cost of items.

Conceptual

"Our language, culture and heritage is a taonga, how do we protect it for the future?" is our guiding question for Conceptual in Term 4. Students are going to develop an understanding of the meaning of heritage and why passing on culture, heritage and language is so important for so many. Learners will also explore how a diverse environment, within the classroom and the wider community, enriches our experiences and the challenges people have overcome.

Important Dates

- Biketober: all month.
- Cricket. Tournament (Year 5-8): Thursday, 22nd October.
- Teacher Only Day: Friday, 23rd October.
- Labour Day: Monday, 26th October.
- Wheels Day: Tuesday 27th October.
- Diwali Celebration: TBC.
- Athletics Tournament: Friday 13th November.
- Weetbix Tryathalon: Tuesday 24th November.
- Whanake Camp Parent Info Evening: Thursday, 26th November. 5.30pm.
- Senior School Assembly: Friday 27th November.
- Safe Steps, Safe Wheels, Safe Waters Day: Thursday, 3rd December.
- Senior Athletics Celebration Day: Thursday, 14th December.
- Haemata and Whanake Prizegiving: Tuesday 15th December.