

Room 8 Newsletter, Term 2, 2023

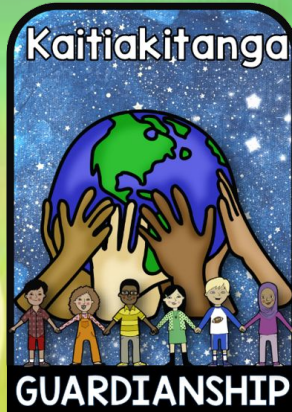
Kia ora Whānau. We have another exciting term ahead.

Moving in & Production

Our upgraded classrooms are taking shape. Fingers crossed we will be in within the month of May. We have been presented with an opportunity that is too good to refuse - a local project on Young's farm! For this reason, we will be delaying production until Term 3.

Topic - Science & Kaitiakitanga

Our theme for Term 2 is cause and effect. We will be learning about farming, our environment, plants and our waterways. We will all be participating in a planting project at Youngs Farm. There is lots of new and exciting learning opportunities within this topic. Hopefully we inspire our students to be future kaitiaki.



Shared Book- Two Degrees

Further to our learning around being kaitiaki of our waterways, we will be extending our Y7/8 students thinking around the topic of 'Climate Change' through reading this brand new, exceptional novel 'Two Degrees' by Alan Gratz.



Literacy

Our reading focus for this term will be developing our comprehension strategies to understand and find information within a text. We will be integrating our science into our writing by writing experiments, using scientific and topic specific vocabulary and explanation writing. Our Cracking the Code spelling learning will also continue.

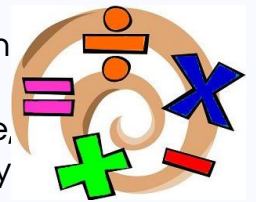
Speeches

Every second year, we make speeches optional. This year, any students interested are welcome to enter the speech competition. This year, speeches will need to be written and practised at home. This would replace a passion project; or they could do both. We will hold a class speech competition in Week 7, and a school competition in Week 9. The winner will represent Mangatawhiri at Franklin School Speeches in Week 10.

Maths

We will be focusing on learning a range of addition/ subtraction/ multiplication and division strategies on whole numbers, decimals and fractions.

We will also be learning about measurement including area, perimeter, volume. Please continue to support your child at home with their basic facts. This really helps them when learning new strategies.



Puberty

We will be covering the topic of Pubertal Change in Week 4. Within this topic we will be looking at the changes that occur during puberty, our health and hygiene and respect of each other. We will be holding a parent information afternoon Tuesday 9th May at 4:30 to share what we are covering if you are keen to hear more.

Important Dates for Term 2

MAY

- 2nd - Franklin Orienteering
- 3rd - R9 Technology
- 5th - Walk to Youngs Farm
- 8th - BOT Meeting
- 9th - Puberty Parent Mtg @4.30pm
- 10th - R8 Technology
- 15th - Move into the real R8/9
- 17th - R9 Technology
- 18th - Y7/8 Soccer
- 24th - 26th Ice Skating at the hall
- 24th - R8 Technology
- 26th - Franklin Basketball 1- & Curling Cup
- 31st - R9 Technology

JUNE

- 6th - Performance Show
- 2nd - Franklin Basketball 2
- 5th - Kings Birthday Holiday
- 7th - R8 Technology
- 9th - Franklin Basketball 3
- 16th - Franklin Basketball 4
- 14th - R9 Technology
- 21st - R8 Technology
- 21st - 3 Way Conferences
- 22nd - Speech finals, 3 Way Conferences
Open Day
- 23rd - Matariki Day @ Ngatea
- 26th TBC - Hangi at School
- 28th - R9 Technology
- 29th - Franklin Y7/8 Speech Competition
- 30th - Teacher Only Day



Physical Education

Orienteering, Soccer

and Basketball sessions will be our PE focus for Term 2. See the list of dates for special sporting events this term.

Te Ao Māori - Kai & Hāngī

This term Matariki falls in the next school holidays. We are super fortunate to have some volunteers who will support us in having a hāngī at school in the final week of term to celebrate Matariki. We will be involved in the growing, harvesting, preparation and cooking of the kai. With the support of Whaea Preva, we will be learning about the tikanga and kupu (words) relating to kai and the traditional stories connected with kai.

Anyone is welcome to be a part of this experience!



Music with Mr Green



We have now formed 2 bands in R8; Red Rats & The L&P's. Who knows what originals these awesome muso's will come up with this term! Mr Green is also taking an extension group for band at lunchtimes.

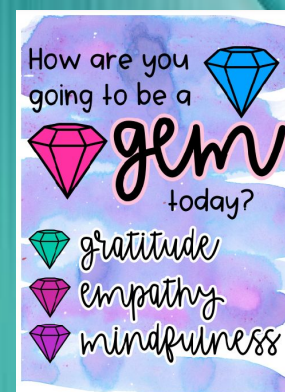
Resilience Project

We will begin to delve deeper into the Resilience Project this term.

There will be a weekly focus on either: Gratitude, Empathy or Mindfulness.

Something I've started in my whānau: Ask at the dinner table/when whole family are together:

"What went well for you today?" By focusing on the positives we can train our brain to see all the things we have - and to be grateful for them!



Communication

If you have any questions, queries or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in touch via email. Remember to check Seesaw to keep updated on your child's learning.

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