# Room 9 Newsletter, Term 2

Kia ora Whānau and welcome back to Term 2. It has been great reconnecting with everyone back at school. We have a busy term ahead with the beginning of sports starting up.

#### Term 2

Room 8 and 9 are undergoing renovations this term. This means that we will be relocating to the hall end of Week 3. We will then continue to work out of the hall for the remainder of Term 2 and work closely with each other. We will look forward to our refurbished classrooms to begin Term 3.

### **Environment & Ecological Sustainability**

Our focus for the start of Term 2 will be on completing our 'Kia Kaha' programme.

Then we will delve into deepening our understanding about our connection to our environment, our role as kaitiaki (caretakers) of the land and seas and living sustainable lives. We will be reading a novel to the class called Greta Thunberg: No one is too small to make a difference. An inspirational young person who is shaking things up in the Climate change conversation.

#### Literacy

Cracking the Code (Our Spelling learning) has been operating successfully over the last term and we are delighted with the results we are seeing. Spelling is an important tool in increasing confidence as writers.

Our writing focus this term is on developing persuasive texts that will lead us into our Speech Competition. Presenting a speech will be compulsory for all students this term. Through students presenting their Passion Projects in class this has helped to develop their confidence and public speaking skills.

#### Maths

Our focus for Maths will be on developing and learning new strategies to solve a range of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division equations. We will also be developing an understanding of decimal place value.

## **Physical Education**

Gymnastics: To begin the term and as a lunchtime option gymnastics will be running. We will be focusing on strength, twists and rotations. Youthtown: We have 4 sessions with Youthtown where we will be covering soccer skills, ball skills and teamwork.

<u>School Sports:</u> School Wide Sports runs every Friday in our House Groups. A great way to work with students across the school, earn House Points and have some fun!

#### Music

We are very lucky to have Stu Green returning to us in Term 2.

We will be continuing refining our skills on our instruments (Guitar, Bass Guitar or Drums) and learning a range of new songs and musical history.

## **Important Dates for Term 2**

#### MAY

- 11th R9 Technology
- 12th Youthtown
- 17th House Leaders & Deputies: Wero
- 20th School Soccer Tournament
- 23rd Life Education
- 25th R9 Technology
- 26th Youthtown

#### JUNE

- 2nd Franklin Soccer Tournament
- 8th R9 Technology
- 9th Youthtown
- 15th GRIP Leadership
- 20th Class Speeches
- 22nd R9 Technology
- 23rd Senior Matariki Celebration
- 27th Mid Way Check Ins Home
- 28th 3 Way Conferences
- 29th 3 Way Conferences

#### JULY

- 5th Music Concert
- 6th R9 Technology
- 7th- Franklin Speeches (Year 7/8)
- 8th End of Term 2

## **Communication**

As you can see we have a busy term ahead of us. Please ensure that you are reading the weekly school newsletters that go out on a Monday and ensure you have the skool loop app to keep up to date with any notices or information.

If you have any questions or queries regarding your child please don't hesitate to get in contact via email. Looking forward to a great term 2 ahead.

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