

Room 8 Newsletter, Term 2, 2022

Welcome back to Term 2, Whānau. It has been wonderful to reconnect and that most students are back with us on site.

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.

This term we will be writing persuasive texts and sharing speeches. We are currently working on reading comprehension and understanding author's purpose.

Maths

Our focus for Maths will be to deepen understanding of place value and decimal place value. We will also be gaining new strategies in addition and subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers, decimals and fractions.

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.

School Sports: 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. All students are fortunate enough to have been given the opportunity to learn and practise an instrument.

Mr Green is also taking us through the history of Music from the 20th Century.

Home Learning

Thank you all so much for your support with home learning this term. Encouraging your child to read and to learn spelling and basic facts is essential in supporting our learning at school. The quality of the passion projects have been excellent last term. I look forward to seeing what comes this term.

Important Dates for Term 2

MAY

- 12th - Youthtown
- 17th - House Leaders & Deputies: Wero
- 18th - R8 Technology
- 20th - School Soccer Tournament
- 23rd - Life Education
- 25th R9 Technology
- 26th Youthtown

JUNE

- 1st - R8 Technology
- 2nd - Franklin Soccer Tournament
- 9th - Youthtown
- 15th - GRIP Leadership
- 15th - R8 Technology
- 20th - Class Speeches
- 23rd - Senior Matariki Celebration
- 27th - Mid Way Check Ins Home
- 28th - 3 Way Conferences
- 29th - 3 Way Conferences
- 29th - R8 Technology

JULY

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

Communication

If you have any questions, queries or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in touch via email.

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