

Team 2 Newsletter

Term 3, 2017

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome back to the new term! This term involves some long distance travelling with our Journey into Space topic. We will also be benefitting from hockey sessions with the "Small Sticks in Schools" programme operating this term. Later in the term, in Week 8, we celebrate Māori language week followed by Artsplash week, which some of our students will be involved in.

Learning in Team Two this term

Topic

As part of We will be carrying out a "Journey into Space", involving learning about our solar system and space travel.

Literacy

Our writing in Term 3 continues with the Accelerated Literacy Learning programme based on the children's stories and interests as motivation. Reading sessions will continue daily.

Maths

In weeks 1-4 we will be developing our measurement skills involving length, weight, volume, time and temperature — see adjacent notice. In weeks 5-10 students will be focusing on proportions and ratios by developing their knowledge and strategies using fractions.

PE & Team Sport

This term Team 2 will be having Small Sticks hockey sessions on Thursdays from weeks 3 to 7. For the remaining weeks we will be continuing our large ball skills (basketball, netball and Rippa rugby) from last term. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings we will keep fit with Jump Jam.

Visual & Performing Arts

This term we will be exploring art related to space using mixed media for the visual arts, as well as dance, music and drama.

Māori

Our Māori programme this term will focus on the parts of the body and health, as well as continuing to develop our knowledge of Māori tikanga.

Useful Items

If you have any space themed items or resources we would love to borrow them for the term. Alternatively, if you have any expertise in astronomy or know anyone who does, we'd appreciate any willing guest speakers!

Kind regards,

Nathalie Lecaude (Rm 6)

Angela Scholten (Rm 7)

Lizzie Ryan (Rm 8)

Calendar Events

25 July — Puss in Boots Pet Detective Show (in Viggers)

10 Aug to 7 Sep — Small Sticks hockey sessions

11 to 15 Sep — Māori Language Week

29 Sep — NS Community Assembly

Information & Notices

Hockey

Please ensure your child has their mouth guard at school from Thursday 10 August in order to be able to participate in the hockey sessions.

Measurement

Please check that your child has a clear, plastic (non-flexible) ruler for school—preferably with cm and mm markings. To support your child with this at home, we encourage you to involve him/her in cooking and other activities requiring measurement, as well as practising estimating e.g. how long is the couch? (2m, not 2cm or km!)

Stationery

By the middle of the year, many children are running low on supplies. Can you please restock your child with any stationery items they have run out of, and ensure everything is named?