

## Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely couple of weeks and enjoyed time with your families. Term 2 is going to be an amazing term, full to the brim with exciting new learning experiences and opportunities, and ... FUN!

## What Will We Be Learning?

### Journalism and The Changing Face of News Media

This term we will be investigating the world of journalism. We'll explore the purpose of journalism and news reporting, and become journalists ourselves. Moreover, we'll seek to discover how news reporting has been challenged and changed over the years with the rise of the internet. Don't be surprised if your child asks you to reflect on the many different ways you discover the news!

This topic will kick off with an exciting trip to Capital E's OnTV studios, where we'll make our very own news television broadcast. Throughout our topic we'll also have some experts who work in the field share their knowledge.

### Literacy

Our literacy programme (reading, writing and oral language skills) will be closely linked to our topic. Students will read a range of appropriate news and 'opinion' articles, analysing the information, interpreting 'fact vs opinion', studying the language features and comparing and contrasting the different ways news is presented. Students will also conduct research on topics of their choice, reading and making notes from a variety of online and traditional sources. They will become the journalist, and will explore how to conduct interviews, establish the key facts and write fair and balanced news reports (for both television and 'print'). They'll also take their turn at being an 'opinion columnist' and write persuasively.

### Maths

Our initial focus will be around **multiplication and division**: strengthening our understanding of these concepts, building our knowledge and mastering strategies for solving a variety of problems. We'll then explore **measurement** and basic shape: estimating and accurately measuring objects, and using our number strategies to calculate perimeter, area and volume. For the last few weeks of term we'll look at **fractions, proportions and ratios**.

### Arts Rotation

We enter the second cycle of our arts rotation this term. Students will spend their Friday morning engaged in either visual art (with Lizzie), drama (with Juliet) or video making (with Vicky).

### Physical Education

The school cross country takes place in Week 5 on Tuesday 29 May. In the weeks leading up to this we will be having regular cross country training sessions. Please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear for this. Swimming lessons start on Friday 18 May and in the latter part of the term we will focus on badminton skills.

### Homework

A detailed homework letter has been sent home today. Please make sure you read this carefully with your child.

### Let's have a fabulous term!

Kind regards,  
Vicky Balfour, Lizzie Ryan and Juliet McPhee.

#### Can You Help Us?

Do you have any ice cream containers, jars, or old newspapers and magazines? We'd love if you could bring these in to help support our art programmes.