

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,

Where did half the year go? Welcome to Term 3 - it's going to be an exciting ten weeks! We hope you've all had a restful two week break and are ready for a term of drama, dance, history, novel studies, maths and more!

What's Happening This Term?

The School Production

Northland School is getting a little bit dramatic! We are so excited to be having a school production this term. There will be two performances: on Wednesday 5 September and Thursday 6 September, at Wellington High School.

Team 3 will be representing three different important time periods in New Zealand's history: the 1890s, the 1920s, and the late 1960s.

Can you help?

A lot of work goes into a school production: it's an amalgamation of many students', teachers' and (fingers crossed) parents' talents! In Team 3 we are eagerly searching for any parents who would like to help out, either by joining our 'props and costumes department' or by supplying much needed materials such as large pieces of fabric, old sheets, clothing for costumes, big bits of cardboard and thin wood. We are keen for parents to volunteer to come in during school time to support students in designing sets and making props. We would also love for eager sewers and designers to help with making costumes. If you'd like to be involved please email Vicky (vickyb@northland.school.nz).

Health: Sexuality Road Programme

As noted last term, students are participating in the Sexuality Road programme this term. This programme has been developed by the Family Planning Organisation, and will be taught by the Team 3 teachers. Vicky and Lizzie will lead the Year 5 programme, while Juliet and Jane (Batchelor) will lead the Year 6 programme. Thank you to those parents who attended our information evening last term. If you were unable to make this evening and would like to know more about the programme, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Maths

We have a lot planned for maths this term! For the first couple of weeks we'll continue our exploration into fractions, proportions and ratios. Students will then briefly revisit and revise their addition and subtraction strategies, before combining their full mathematical understanding to solve a variety of rich tasks spanning the mathematics curriculum. We'll then investigate statistics, interpreting data and graphs and making informed mathematical statements about patterns and trends. At the end of the term we'll revisit our multiplication and division strategies, and begin to apply this to a greater range of problems.

Physical Education

We will study dance (waltz, Charleston and rock n' roll), cricket skills and athletics over the course of this term. The Northland School swimming sports also takes place this term, on Thursday 2 August.

Homework

Weekly spelling, grammar and vocabulary building homework tasks will continue this term. Please help to ensure your child is completing this expected work: it will be tested and/or checked each Friday. Our oral language programme will also continue. There is no other formal homework set at this stage, however your child's teacher may set revision or practise tasks (such as basic facts or recording 'read alouds') as needed throughout the term.

Let's go!

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