

# Kapa Toru News

## *Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,*

Whether you stayed in Wellington, or went away on holiday we hope there were some enjoyable moments for you all. Holidays are good for reconnecting with friends and family, spending time doing what you love, not having to rush anywhere in particular or exploring new places. Your children have shared their favourite moments of their holidays with us. We know Term 4 is busy and our students are involved in many afterschool activities and events leading up to Christmas so please keep us informed if there is anything we need to know about supporting your child at school. It is another active term with the school Athletics this Thursday and our weekly visits to the ASB Sports Centre commencing on Monday 6 November.

### **Term 4 Topic Studies:**

**Health/Technology/Art:** Our first inquiry focus this term is 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. The students will learn to interact safely with other people and develop strategies to use should problems arise. Constable Duncan will also be supporting this programme and visiting each class to take a lesson about the role the Police play in keeping us all safe.

Following on from this inquiry we will continue to focus on healthy relationships and developing empathy towards others. There is also a technology/art component to this topic where the students will research and design to create a Christmas gift for another member of the team. The students will also design and make a card and wrapping paper to finish this special gift.

**Te Ao Kori:** The students will learn and create dance movements using Tī rākau (Maori sticks). We will need as many old magazines as possible to make our own Tī rākau this term.

**Maths:** This term we will be covering the following topics:

**Weeks 1– 4:** Fractions, proportions and ratios.

**Weeks 5–7: Geometry—shape—**classifying shapes by their spatial features.

**Weeks 7–9: Geometry—position and orientation—** Use a co-ordinate system or the language of direction and distance to specify locations and describe paths.

**Homework:** This term the students will complete a series of homework challenges. It is expected that homework will be completed by Friday but we also understand that sometimes students will need the weekend to complete tasks. Weekly homework tasks includes:

- reading of their own choice for at least 20 minutes each school night
- a spelling list of 8–10 words to learn
- playing maths games located in the Maths Number, Knowledge and Strand folders in their Google Drive. It is important your child continues to revise different learning and revisit topics covered earlier in the year. They can never do too much revision and practice.

### **PE and Team Sport**

The children will participate in daily fitness or physical education skills lessons. This first week we will be preparing for the school athletics event at Ben Burn Park on Thursday 19 October. Athletics training involves high jump, long jump, vortex, quoits and sprint running. Please remember to encourage your child to put on sunscreen before school.

Our trips to the ASB Sports Centre in Kilbirnie start on Monday 6 November. The students are participating in Gymnastics, Handball and Volleyball.

Please ensure your child comes to school with suitable footwear and clothing to enable them to participate in sports activities on Mondays.

**Sunhats** - A reminder that students are expected to wear a sunhat when outside during this term.

### **Useful items in the classroom**

Magazines  
Newspaper  
Egg cartons

### **Important dates to mark on your calendar:**

Athletics: 19 October / PP date: 2 November

Kapa Haka Festival: 26 October

Kind regards

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