

Wednesday 26 July 2017

Team 4 Newsletter: Term 3 2017

Dear parents and caregivers,

It is terrific to see the children back looking refreshed after a number of them suffered the usual winter sicknesses. Please find below a brief summary of Team 4's programme for the third term.

Literacy / Social Studies

Reading and writing for the first few weeks is based on our whole school inquiry theme "Journeys". Our reading and writing around the theme will lead to all students undertaking an independent social studies inquiry into peoples' journeys where they will select a person or group of people to investigate. All students will present their information with the support of a presentation they will make on Googles Slides in the last fortnight of the term. Students will be learning about maps and mapping, exercises will include New Zealand and the world.

From Week 4 we will undertake our second round of literature circles, during which students will be able to put into practice the skills they have been developing, with greater independence.

Science Fair

Northland School's Science and Technology Fair takes place early in week 3. Further information will be in next week's newsletter and on the team's blog. All student boards and log books are due at school on Monday week 2 (or by arrangement with your child's teacher). The judging takes place all day at the Northland Community Centre during week 3, the dates are yet to be advised. Thank you for the support and encouragement you have given to our budding scientists, it's a big task, but well worth the time and effort.

This year's NIWA fair will be held in the school halls at Newlands College and Newlands Intermediate (they're on adjacent sites). Dates are 13-16 September, with Judging Day on Thursday 14 September, and Prize giving on Saturday 16 September at 1pm.

Numeracy

We begin the term revising the multiplication and division knowledge and strategies taught in Term 2, then cover geometry, fractions proportions and ratios, measurement and begin algebra. Much of the term's maths will connect to the "Journeys" theme. We encourage students to continue learning basic facts for home learning, and to use online tutorials and activities such as Study Ladder, Khan academy, Prototec etc. www.NZmaths (families) have great games and activities if you are looking for home learning opportunities.

Languages and technology

Our students have enjoyed the languages programme and have impressed us with their progress and effort. We continue with foreign languages until the end of week 5. Students can continue to progress using online programmes such as Duolingo and Spanishtown, and using the links we put onto the home learning sheet. We will continue with regular te reo lessons several times per week.

Technology dates are: Wednesday this week and next, and the next 5 Thursdays starting this Thursday 27 August, and ending 24 August (7 sessions). Please ensure your child has a warm jacket, plenty of morning tea, their hair tied back and that they arrive at school by 8.30 ready for the roll to be taken before we board the bus. (We would like to discourage our students from arriving just in time to jump on the bus, taking the roll is an essential part of school life.)

P.E. / sports

Starting on Tuesdays from 8 August to 5 September we have 5 weeks of ‘Small Sticks’ hockey tutoring every Tuesday afternoon. In order to participate, students must have a **mouth guard** please. These can be purchased at the local dairy (Creswick Food market). We will hopefully have another sports tri-tournament with Wadestown and Brooklyn schools this term, and will play some winter sports for P.E.

Performing Arts

A group of more than 50 students have indicated they would like to participate in Art Splash Dance again this year. Fiona and Emma will once again use their wonderful skills to pull together the enormous talent within our team to create a high quality performance. The Art Splash Dance group will be performing on **Thursday 21 Sept** at **7.45pm**. See you there!! Students not involved will be taking part in drama and dance activities.

We are attending a performance at Capital E called “An Awfully big Adventure” 15 September.

Please note that Year 7 boys and girls will be having their **Boostrix** injection on Friday 11 August (week 3).

Kind regards, Alex Fiona and Katie

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