



July 2019

PRIDE values: Diversity and excellence.

Tēnā koutou whānau

This year has flown by with term 3 already under way. Please find below a brief outline of the learning which your tamaiti/child will be engaging in this term. For this term Sue will be teaching Monday and Tuesday while Dan will be teaching Wednesday through to Friday.

Curriculum learning:

Inquiry - Wānanga - (Connecting and identifying with our local community through engaging in the process of innovation and collaboration)

Our focus for Term 3 is embedded in the inquiry 'Guardians of our Kura - Kaitiaki.' The tamariki will be exploring different ways to promote a sense of ownership and belonging, that can protect and develop areas of the kura/school. Some examples are the planting of native plants and/or edible foods and inquiring into what we can do with the earth bund. Tamariki will be asking you this question at home.

We will use STEAM to enrich learning by incorporating aspects of technology, art, science, sport and Forest Rangers.

Mathematics

In mathematics this term, tamariki will be learning about weight and volume along with a school wide focus on fractions. Please keep the conversation going with your tamaiti about how you use mathematics at home or work.

Literacy

Reading: The focus will be making connections and inferencing to decode the lyrics of different songs.

Writing: We will be learning about explanation and report writing, with a focus on spelling, spelling rules and word banks.

Te Reo

We will continue to do a whole kura/school approach with the Te Reo sessions. These will happen on a Monday morning. If you wish to join us to learn Te Reo - please feel free. Presently we are working on Kei te pehea koe? How are you. The replies have been awesome. The tamariki are amazing language learners. The other korero/discussion we

had in the akomanga/class was the use of the word tamariki and tamaiti. Please ask your tamaiti what the difference is. (Hint: one child or more than one child).

PE

Along with the skiing trips, students will also be taking part in developing large ball skills with the hope that we can put forward a team to play at the winter tournament in August. Please let us know via email if you are available to support the kura/school for Winter Tournament. The dates are 22nd (Year 5 and 6) and 23rd August. (Year 7 and 8)

Learning Conferences (Wānanga ako)

Once again we will be inviting whānau to attend learning conferences during the week of the 9th of September (exact dates and times to be confirmed). Students will be reflecting on their goals set in Term 1 and 2 and set some new goals for the remainder of the school year.

Homework

Some parents have been asking us about homework. We are keen to get this up and running and this will be delivered through Hapara. Your tamaiti is able to sign into Hapara from any computer. Homework will have a strong vocabulary focus and will front load the learning that is about to happen in the class. Spelling is also a focus, with spelling words being available of your child's G-Suite.

Skiing

The tamariki will once again be spending Thursdays (please check the attached calendar) up at Rainbow Ski field taking part in lessons and developing their skills on the slopes. This is a wonderful opportunity that not many schools would have access to.

We would like to thank you all for being so prompt at returning notices regarding these ski trips. Just a quick reminder the first ski day is set as the 25th of July which is this coming Thursday. For those catching the shuttle, please be at school by 8.20.

Please come in and visit the learning in Tui at any time. We also are available to discuss with you learning within the class. If you have any concerns, problems or fantastic things to share please let us know.

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Calendar for Term Three 2019

These dates are subject to change

We will also be planning a Teacher Only Day and will let you know when that will be - thank you for your patience.

The Teacher Only Day is due to the new contract offered to teaching staff.

Assemblies will be held every second Friday - starting week Two

			Parent Help required
Week 1 22nd July-26th July	Thursday 25th	Ski Day	
Week 2 29th July-2nd August	Thursday 1st	Ski Day	
Week 3 5th - 9th Aug	Thursday 8th	Ski Day	
Week 4 12th-16th Aug	Thursday 15th	Ski Day	
Week 5 19th-23rd Aug	Wednesday 21st Thursday 22nd Friday 23rd	Ski Day Winter Tournament - Year 5 and 6 Winter Tournament Year 7 and 8 (This event has had to be cancelled due to a change with dates).	Yes Yes
Week 6 26th-30th Aug	Thursday 29th	Ski Day	
Week 7 2nd - 6th Sept	Thursday 5th	Ski Day	
Week 8 9th-13th Sept	Thursday 12th	Māori language week Learning conferences Ski Day	
Week 9 16th-20th Sept			
Week 10 23rd-27th Sept	Monday 23rd Wednesday 25th	In school planning for Field Day Trading Day	