



**EMPOWERING OUR CHILDREN TO SUCCEED IN AN EVER CHANGING WORLD**  
Hei whakakaha i ngā tamariki kia whaimana i roto i tēnei ao huri noa



# Term 4 Newsletter 2022

## Ng ā Manu

Kia ora e te whānau

And just like that we are into the last term of the year and for our year 6 students - their last term at Tawhai school. A big thank you to everyone who turned up to our open afternoon last term, what a successful afternoon it was. This term is shaping up to be a very busy end to the year with lots of exciting things happening. Please keep up to date with all Educa posts and notices for all of our upcoming events. Have a great last term everyone.

# Ngā mihi

## Upcoming Events:

- 21 Oct - Teacher only day
- 24 Oct - Labour Day
- 28 Oct - Ng ā Manu athletics day (more info to come)
- 3 Nov - Dress rehearsal for the kapa haka group (more info to come)
- 4 Nov - Upper Hutt Kapa Haka Festival (more info to come)
- 8 Nov - Northern Zone athletics (p/p 9 Nov)
- 17 Nov - Year 3/4 Tawhai cup
- 18 Nov - Year 5/6 Tawhai cup
- Weeks 7/8 - Beach Education (more info to come)
- 29 Nov - Interzone athletics (p/p 30 Nov)
- 13 Dec - Year 6 leavers dinner (more info to come)
- 15 Dec - Last day of 2022

## Curriculum Coverage:

### **Inquiry:**

This year we are using the below whakatauki as our theme:

**He moana pukepuke ekengia e te waka  
A choppy sea can be navigated**

This term we will be focussing on the concept of 'pukepuke' the roughness of the sea (the choppy sea). We will be integrating this concept as part of our transition for 2023. We will be looking at ways that others have transitioned to new places and strategies they have used to make this successful. The idea is to help our tamariki and give them strategies to successfully transition on their next journey -(year 6's to intermediate, year 5's becoming our year 6's and our year 4's becoming our year 5's) and how to manage the changes that may come about.

## Maths:

### Numeracy

#### Number Knowledge

- Know simple fractions in everyday use. (Yr 4)
- Know fractions and percentages in everyday use. (Yr 5 & 6)

### Algebra

#### Patterns and Relationships

- Generalise that whole numbers can be partitioned in many ways. (Yr 4)
- Find rules for the next number in a sequential pattern. (Yr 4)
- Generalise the properties of addition and subtraction with whole numbers. (Yr 5/6)
- Connect members of sequential patterns with their ordinal position and use tables, graphs, and diagrams to find relationships between successive elements of number and spatial number. (Yr 5/6)

### Statistics

#### Probability

- Investigate simple situations that involve elements of chance, recognising equal and different likelihoods and acknowledging uncertainty. (Yr 4)
- Investigating simple situations that involve elements of chance by comparing experimental results with expectations from models of all the outcomes, acknowledging that samples vary. (Yr 5/6)

## Te Reo:

This term we are going to revisit all the language that has been taught over the years and use these in authentic contexts. Below is a list of what we will be covering:

Week 1	In the garden - Kei te m ā ra
Week 2	Animals - Ng ā kararehe
Week 3	Temperature - P ā mahana
Week 4	Daily routines - H ā tepe
Week 5	Solar System - wh ā nau a Tamanuiter ā
Week 6	NZ Trees and Birds - Ngahere (forest and bush)
Week 7	Phrases - Rerenga k ō rero
Week 8	Technology - Hangarau

## **Physical and Health Education:**

This term we are continuing with our morning fitness routine. Every morning we will be doing a relay fitness activity as a syndicate on the courts. This is a great way for everyone to not only start the day with some physical activity but to come together at the start of the day.

We will continue focusing on building relationships and showing empathy towards others through PE and sport, as well as fair play and good sportsmanship. We will be using the te whare tapa wha model as our theme.

This term we will be participating in the Seedlings Yoga for schools programme. Each class will have 2 45 minute sessions every week (Mondays and Wednesdays).

We will be working on our Athletics in weeks 1, 2 and 3 getting ready for our syndicate athletics day on Friday 28th October.

## **Beach Education**

This term Tawhai school will be partaking in a beach education programme run by surf lifesaving. There will be more information coming home about this closer to the time.

## **Homework:**

Mathletics is a Board funded resource that we would like to encourage children to continue to use at home as part of their home learning, and to try to earn as many points as they can. Teachers can also assign various tasks at times, to specific children. We would also like to encourage children to read each night. We will be continuing our concept of home learning that links into Hauora (Well Being). Each class may have their own little tasks coming home.

Another good thing that you can do is to have discussions with your child about what they have been learning about at school.

## **Stationery**

Please check in with your child and see if they might require some more pencils or any other stationery items to see them through to

the end of the year.

## Headphones

If your child has a pair of headphones at home that they like to use, they are welcome to bring these to school to use when we are using devices for our learning.

## Summer Term and hats

With term 4 being a summer term, we require students to wear a broad brimmed or bucket hat as our school sun protection policy states. Please check with your child that they have a sun hat at school. New hats can be purchased from the office.

## When your child is sick.

In order to keep our students and teachers well and healthy this year, we are asking that if your child is unwell please keep them home until they are well enough to return to school. This is very important as we have a child in our team with cystic fibrosis who can easily get sick if they come into contact with children who are unwell.

## Keeping in Touch

Please remember that your child's class teacher is happy to talk with you about your child's learning. You can make a time to see them, however please be aware that on a Monday and Tuesday after school we usually have staff and team meetings. You can also contact us at school by phone (563 6329) or by email (see contacts below).

Regards

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