

TUI NEWSLETTER: Term Two, 2017

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

As we enter Term Two I reflect on how busy Term One was. Our EOTC experiences in both Year 5 and 6 were a great success. All of these great experiences have helped to cement a positive culture throughout the syndicate. We would like to thank everyone who has been involved with our EOTC programmes; your enthusiasm and willingness to engage with the children really made these trips successful. We hope students have had the chance to recharge over the holidays and we hope that you have enjoyed your time with your children.

Whilst normal literacy and numeracy continues, Term Two also focuses on an investigation into water as a resource. In particular, we will be looking at representations of the water cycle, moving away from conventional, basic models to ones that represent the impacts of today's society on this finite resource. We also have the School Cross Country, Art Attack, ICAS examinations begin (Science and Writing), J-Rock, and Three Way Conferences. We look forward to some exciting learning experiences across the curriculum.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Week 2	Friday 12th May Friday 12th May	Whakatau Hospi Fundraiser
Week 3	Monday 15th May Thursday 18th May	Korimako Stream Gr 1 School Cross Country (Postponement day Friday 19th)
Week 5	Monday 29 May Tuesday 30 May Wednesday 31st May Thursday 1 June	Northern Zone Cross Country ICAS Science Korimako Stream Gr 2 J Rock
Week 6	Mon and Tue 5/6 June Thurs 8 June	Queen's Birthday school holidays Fono and Whanau Meeting (TBC)
Week 7	Tuesday 13 June Wednesday 14 June	ICAS Writing Asian Partnership Meeting Korimako Stream Gr 1
Week 8	Mon-Tue 19-20 June	Three-Way Conferences
Week 9	Tuesday 27th Wednesday 28th June	Art Attack Week Northern Zone hockey Y5-6 Swimming Sports
Week 10	Friday 7 July	Last day of term

CROSS-COUNTRY:

We recommend that students come to school with shoes/clothes suitable for cross-country training for the first three weeks of the term. We aim to conduct trainings on Mondays and Tuesdays however, with the changeable weather we will not be able to advise of alternative sessions in advance.

Thursday 18th May - School Cross Country race start times (approximate, subject to change)

Year 5 Boys 11.20am

Year 5 Girls 11.30am

Year 6 Boys 11.40am

Year 6 Girls 11.50am

SYNDICATE ASSEMBLIES and WAIATA:

Syndicate Assemblies are to be held most Fridays at 12pm. At 2.15 we have Waiata with our Te Reo teacher Alwyn Rees. Parents and families are welcome to attend both Syndicate Assemblies and Waiata. Waiata is usually in the shared upstairs class space - Rooms 67.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students are encouraged to take on responsibility around the school. Year 6 students are given the opportunity of being reading buddies, sushi monitors, notice monitors, and lunchtime buddies. The Student Council and Student Leaders will also be selected this term. All Tui students are also invited to be involved in the running of lunchtime clubs and have been asked to follow a process of putting proposals through for consideration.

In addition, students in Tui are responsible for Road Patrol, and Year 6 students for ringing the bells. Please help your child to be at school on time for these duties. We thank the students in advance for their help and contribution to the school.

STRIVE HOMEWORK:

Students get their Strive Challenge booklets signed off after morning tea at 10:50am on Fridays. Students need to show 'evidence' in the form of a journal or reflection – please refer to the information on the back of the Strive Challenge Booklet.

Please note that if a STRIVE Challenge booklet is lost, Mr Mackie has spare copies. In this instance, please ask your child to arrange this with him.

LEARNING PROGRAMMES:**Writing:**

Students will look at writing for a variety of audiences and purposes, across the curriculum. This term's focus will be on using vocabulary specific for letter writing, report writing and narratives. We will continue to look at different aspects of the writing process to enable students to meet specific success criteria. Students will also be encouraged to draw on their knowledge of

reading when constructing a piece of writing. Discussing writing from a reader's perspective and recognising what it is that helps it meet its purpose, is something you could do at home to help your child. Students will also be given opportunities to apply their writing skills across the wider curriculum.

Reading:

Please encourage your child to read at home on a regular basis. Children of this age still enjoy being read to, so continue to do this as well. Students in Years 5 and 6 should be reading a broad range of books and other reading material (e.g. magazines, newspaper and online articles). Come and see your child's teacher if you are stuck for new titles or authors. This term's reading focus will be on reading comprehension skills with a particular focus on gathering evidence across a text to more deeply understand new concepts.

Numeracy:

Students will continue to build their Numeracy Knowledge and Strategies. A focus on Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, and Ratios and Proportions will run throughout the year. In 'Strand' maths students will look at Measurement and Geometry.

CLASS BLOGS/SEESAW:

Please continue to check your child's class blog through the school website. They are appreciating your feedback on Seesaw and we welcome this on the class blogs as well. Please share these posts with your friends and family.

We look forward to working alongside our students, their families and whanau this term.

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