

Pohutukawa Newsletter

Term 3, 2017

Our science unit this term is called 'Gran's Pantry'. The students will be exploring ways we can preserve food through the science capability of 'Gathering and Interpreting Data'. This will involve careful observations of food and will particularly compare fresh and dehydrated food. There will also be a link to the work Matua Alwyn has already started on the preservation of food in New Zealand's early days. If there are any parents who have a dehydrator and would not mind lending it to us to use, we would be most appreciative.

NUMERACY

We will start the term with a continuation of our geometry work from the end of term 2. We are focusing on shapes and transformation (reflection, rotation and translation). Our number knowledge and strategy learning will be a combination of addition/subtraction knowledge and multiplication/division. In number sessions we will be looking at our basic facts recall and both the knowledge and strategies used to solve number problems. At the end of term we will investigate 'time' with a focus on hours, half hours and quarter past and quarter to times.

LITERACY

This term we will be looking at a number of purposes for writing. We are hoping to entertain, explain and instruct our readers through different text types. As always our writing and reading will be linked and spelling will continue to be a focus in each class.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

For the first half of the term we will be focusing on large ball skills. Then we will be making good use of the ASB stadium in Kilbirnie where we will have three sessions to explore a variety of sports. The dates for these sessions are Tuesday 5th September, Tuesday 12th September and Tuesday 19th September. We will require parental help but please note that these trips will be not appropriate for pre schooler to attend.



What else is happening?

The Arts:

In term 3 we will be having fun with music! We will be learning about rhythm, beat and timing. We will also be completing our calendar art and hope to do some exploring with clay.

Syndicate Singing: We will continue to have syndicate singing most weeks on a Friday afternoon. We will take this opportunity to present 3 students from each class with certificates to celebrate their achievements.

Te Reo:

Term 3 will see us learning about commands related to our food topic. Hopefully you will learn lots of these around the dinner table.

Show:

Monday week 2 of term 3 sees us in the library for a 'Puss in Boots' show. We will be exploring story telling through drama and acting.

Assemblies: This term the Pohutukawa Syndicate will be working together to create one big assembly to farewell Liz Millar. This will take place instead of class assemblies throughout the term. The assembly will be on Friday 18th of August in the double studio of Rooms 6 and 7. All parents are invited to attend this celebration and it would be great if you are all able to come along.

With, thanks Bronwyn, Megan and Christina.



Cummings Park Library visits

Room 15: 18th August 10am
Room 16: 15th September 2pm
Room 17: 25th August 10am

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3 Way Conferences / Anniversary Conferences

These will be happening in week 5. You will be emailed closer to the time if this applies to you.