

# Tui Syndicate

## Term Three

### 2019



***Welcome back to Term 3, and a special welcome to students and families who are new to Tui Syndicate or Ngaio School.***

#### **Important dates for this Term**

**Friday 26 July:**

9.00am -Whakatau to welcome new students and their families to Ngaio School.

**Parent Conferences:**

Tues 30 July / Thurs 1st August

**Friday 2nd August:**

9.00am - Whakarite Whakairo to welcome a carving for our school garden.

**Friday 9th August:**

2.00pm - Poroporoaki to farewell Amanda Frater (Associate Principal)

**19th - 23rd August:** Ngaio School Book Week

**Sunday 25th August:** 11am - 4pm Ngaio Book Fair

**Friday 30th August - Mid Term Holiday** (School closed)

**Saturday 21st September** - St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival

**Monday 23 - Friday 27th September** - School Photos

#### **New Whanau Teachers to replace Harriet Quin**

As you will be aware Harriet finished with us at the end of Term 2. We went through a vigorous recruitment process last term to try to find a permanent and suitable replacement for Harriet last term but were unsuccessful. We have, however, been very lucky to secure 2 awesome part time teachers who will job share this role this term.

Korrie Hodes will be working in Harakeke regularly on Mondays - and will also be covering various other days as required. We hope this will add some consistency. Korrie comes to us with a wealth of experience, particularly in the area of literacy development.

Robyn Redhill is a former Ngaio School staff member and will be working Tuesday to Friday each week. Robyn is also a very experienced teacher and has worked a lot in Harakeke as a reliever over the last 2 years.

## Term topic

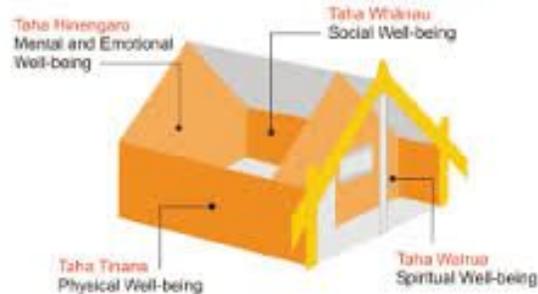
This term Tui Syndicate is going to be focusing on Hauora (Wellbeing) as our overarching topic. We will be using the Whare Tapu Wha model as a base to do this.

### Whare tapawha model of hauora

- Each of the four concepts of hauora is represented by a side of the whare [ house ].
- All the dimensions work together to give us total wellbeing. Each aspect cannot function alone.- they overlap with all the other aspects of hauora. All aspects work together to form a whole and well rounded individual.



### The Whare Tapa Wha Model for Hauora/Well-being



Things this topic will include:

- Puberty education (look out for further information - and a consultation evening - date to be arranged).
- Self worth and self confidence workshops.
- Who am I? - who are the important people in my life?
- A continued focus on the Key Competences and Ngaio School values.
- Transition from Year 6 to Year 7, and from Year 5 to Year 6.

Just to clarify, spirituality well-being will not include any religious teaching as this is prohibited in state schools. Spirituality well-being is geared more at developing your child's values, and the way they look at themselves and the world around them.

### Te Reo / Kapa haka

Matua Alwyn continues to work across Tui this term. He will be leading our preparation for the St Brigid's kapa haka festival later this term.

### Syndicate Assemblies in Term 3

Due to a number of extra schoolwide gatherings happening over the next few weeks Tui syndicate will not be having their regular fortnightly assemblies. From week four onwards we will revert back to fortnightly syndicate assemblies on Friday. Please check the school calendar for dates.

As per usual you are welcome to join us at these assemblies.

## Literacy

We still encourage all children to be reading regularly at home, either independently or being read to. Reading mileage is very important - as is exposing your child to a wide range of different texts. Newspapers, emails, magazines, comics, novels and cookbooks are examples of the different types of texts that could be read. There are tonnes of others!

| Why read For 20 minutes a day?   |  |  |
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| Pupil A reads...   | Pupil B reads...   | Pupil C reads...   |
| 20 minutes a day   | 5 minutes a day  | 1 minute a day   |
| 3,600 MINUTES PER SCHOOL YEAR  | 900 MINUTES PER SCHOOL YEAR  | 180 MINUTES PER SCHOOL YEAR  |
| 1,800,000 words per year   | 282,000 words per year   | 8,000 words per year   |
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## Numeracy

Our initial focus in Tui will be on ratios and proportions (Fractions, decimals and percentages) this term. Reading recipes and using coins and note money are examples of where you could direct some learning at home in this regard.

Basic facts knowledge still continues to be a focus that can be practiced at home as well as at school. Times table knowledge is the key for your child at this stage of their educational journey - so getting their 1 to 10 times tables learned by heart is a very important step in their overall development . We thank you all for the hard work that we know is happening at home to help this to happen.

## STRIVE

So far this year we have seen some awesome STRIVE work. Please encourage your child to continue to work on their projects.

As a reminder: To complete STRIVE and receive a certificate at our special STRIVE assembly, children in Year 5 need to complete eight activities, or nine activities for Year 6. Doing more than these is great too - but is not a requirement. .

## Wrapper Free Wednesday

Our wrapper-free Wednesdays trial was a great success - and it continues in Term 3. As part of our Mathematics workshops last term a group of students came up with how much cling wrap Ngaio School might produce in a year - and the figure was astounding - a whopping 27 kilometres! And that was just one school!

We will be encouraging all students at Ngaio School to reduce the single-use plastic rubbish that comes into school with their school lunches. Although the focus is on Wednesdays - wouldn't it be great if we could do this every day.

## School Communication

The school newsletter is emailed home to families. Paper copies can be requested from the office. Our school website and Facebook page are updated regularly with photographs, children's work and reminders. All students across Ngaio have a Seesaw account as a way of sharing their learning. If you require support accessing your child's seesaw account please contact your child's teacher.

## Absences

If children are going to be late or away from school please email [absences@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:absences@ngaio.school.nz) and copy in your child's teacher to that email. The email should contain your child's name, room number, reason and period for absence or lateness. Please also remember to sign out your child at the office if they leave the school grounds between 9-3pm and to sign in if they arrive between these times.

## Messages

If you need to contact your child with an urgent message please notify the office to ensure the message is received rather than the class teacher.

*The Tui Team*

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