

Mana



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Middles Term 2 Newsletter 2022

Kia ora Whānau

Our Mana Middles team is ready for another exciting term of learning with our tamariki. Our first Term was a little disruptive with Covid but we are ready for some great learning to happen this Term. We have planned new Inquiries and learning experiences that will encourage curiosity, problem solving and develop skills with digital technologies and some hands on tools.

Dates for your diary

Week 1 Monday May 2	Term 2 begins
Week 3 Friday 20 May	Basketball Sessions for Year 3 and 4 Pink Shirt Day
Week 4	Basketball Sessions for Year 3 and 4
Week 5 Friday 4 June	Gymnastic Sessions
Week 6 Monday June 6 Tuesday June 7 Thursday June 9	Gymnastic Sessions Queen's Birthday observed Teacher Only Day NZ Playhouse - The Emperor's New Clothes
Week 8 Wednesday June 15	Little Dog Barking Theatre Company Plant A Seed - Year 3s attending
Week 8 Wednesday June 22 Friday June 24	Matariki Celebrations Matariki Public Holiday
Week 9 Thursday June 30	Parent-Teacher Mid-Year Interviews School Finishes at 2pm
Week 10 Thursday July 7 Friday July 8	Parent-Teacher Mid-Year Interviews School Finishes at 2pm Last day of term.

What's Coming Up?

Basketball Sessions

We are fortunate to have 'Coach' return to our school for skill building sessions in basketball. Our Year 4 students will remember Coach from last year when he began our basketball skill building programme. Tamariki will have 5 x 30 minute sessions over two weeks with Coach.

New Zealand Playhouse

We are excited to be able to have the New Zealand Playhouse come and perform their show 'The Emperor's New Clothes'. This is a fabulous opportunity for our tamariki to see the performing arts in action.

Little Dog Barking

We are so pleased to have this theatre group back again to perform to the Year 3 students their environmentally themed show 'Plant a Seed'. Another fabulous opportunity for our tamariki to experience the performing arts on our kura.

Curriculum Overview

Health

Through the 'Navigating the Journey' programme, we will be looking at Staying Safe - Te noho haumarū. In Week 3 we will focus on kindness and anti-bullying as we acknowledge another Pink Shirt Day to promote anti-bullying in our kura.

Inquiry

Our inquiry this term is a Science and Technology based focus on Forces. Tamariki will learn;

- forces that are needed to make an object move.
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- what friction is and the effect it has on moving objects.
- what gravity is.

Tamariki will use what they have learned along with the technology process to design and construct their own marble run using recycled materials.

We will continue to explore why we need to compost, how to compost, what we can and cannot compost and how we can make a difference in our Kura and community by composting.

Literacy

Our focus will be on teaching the skills and strategies for students to become competent writers. We will look at how authors write for a purpose and an audience, and how we can change our writing to suit this. Students will be given many opportunities to express their ideas through a range of writing genres. In Term 2 we will have a specific focus on the genres of how to write instructions, report on facts and how to persuade an audience. This supports the learning the tamariki will be doing in their inquiries.

High-interest and meaningful texts will be at the heart of our reading programmes, which include guided reading groups, shared and personal reading.

Tamariki will be focusing on the skills of 'Making Meaning' and 'Learning the Code' when reading in Term 2.

Maths

We want our students to be creative and inspired when it comes to maths, so our maths programmes are taught in exciting, integrated, and effective ways. This term students will delve into Algebra, Additive Thinking and Multiplicative Thinking. Learning experiences will align with inquiry where possible for a more meaningful and relevant mathematical experience. There will be a strong focus on teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity. We will continue to build on place value and number knowledge, and will work towards developing student understanding of number patterns when learning basic facts.

Health & PE

Our physical education programme this Term will focus on further development of fundamental skills of striking a ball, catching and throwing. We will be developing skills in gymnastics and basketball.

Year 3 and Year 4 tamariki will have 5 x 30 min basketball sessions with an outside provider.

E-Learning

This Term we will continue to develop students' awareness of cyber safety when using digital tools. Students will continue to develop their skills with coding and robotics with the support of the EHS digikids programme. The use of digital technologies is integrated throughout curriculum learning.

The Arts

Our visual art focus will be on using chalk pastels to create works of Art that reflect the Matariki celebrations. Tamariki will enjoy a range of waiata opportunities. We will integrate our visual arts, drama and dance into our Inquiries over the Term.

Māori

Te Ao Maori

Tūrangawaewae Mihi/Pepeha - tamariki will learn to be able to confidently share their mihi/pepeha.

Te Reo Language - tamariki will learn;

- **Numbers** - Counting to 100
- **Week Days**
- **Months of the Year** (Year 4)
- **Waiata** - to support Pōwhiri and develop our repertoire of waiata.
- **Karakia** - Traditional karakia to begin the day in the classroom

H.A.C.K

The Homework Achievement Challenge is a great way to acknowledge all of the learning and activities done outside of the classroom. It allows you to learn alongside your tamariki and encourages them to participate and stretch their learning outside the classroom. We are looking forward to seeing lots more H.A.C.K challenges being shared in our classrooms and in our Team assemblies. Make sure that you share your challenge work with your kaiako and classmates and have them signed off.

General Information

- School officially opens at 8.30am with classes starting at 8.55am. Teachers are at school early but are unable to supervise your child until 8.30am as we are often out of the classroom preparing. If your child arrives before this time they will be asked to play under shelter outside. It is important that students are at school by 8.45am so they have time to prepare for the day.
- Year 4 students need to have their masks to wear. Please provide a ziplock bag for keeping their masks when not in use.
- Please name all clothing and equipment. This will help to reduce lost property and allow us to return items.
- As we are heading into the winter months, tamariki are welcome to bring their slippers to wear in the classroom. Please ensure that these are clearly named.
- It is important for students to have access to water during the day to keep them hydrated. Please ensure they bring a named bottle to the classroom.
- Please ensure your child's footwear is suitable for daily fitness sessions and PE activities.
- Assemblies are on every second Thursday of the Term, due to Covid restrictions, parents will still be unable to attend at this stage. Look out for photos and videos on Seesaw of these celebrations.

Can You Help?

- We would appreciate each child bringing in a box of tissues for their class.
- If you are able to help with your child's class garden in some way, please let us know.

We are looking forward to a great term of learning.

Ngā mihi nui

Middles Team Teachers