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Middles Term 4 Newsletter 2022

Kia ora e te Whānau

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope that you have enjoyed the holiday break and the spring weather. We ended Term 3 on such a positive note with the Art Exhibition and Roald Dahl Day. Our tamariki have had so many experiences in the visual arts that have seen them learn the process of creating artworks using recycled materials. Tamariki studied local and international artists to understand the process that they go through to produce their artworks. It was great to be able to give all of our tamariki this experience in the Arts. We hope that you enjoyed the exhibition as this gave our tamariki an authentic audience to share their work with.

Term 4 brings the excitement of our EOTC programme in Week 4 and Week 7. We welcome your support with this programme. Teachers will be in contact to let you know how you may be able to contribute.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	Monday 17th October - Powhiri to welcome new tamariki
Week 2	Monday 24th October - Labour Day - no school Tuesday 25th October - Teacher Only Day - no school
Week 3	Tuesday 1st November - Year 4 South West Zone Athletics Thursday 3rd November - Kapa haka exchange hui at Waterloo with Boulcott, 11.30am to 1.00pm Thursday 3rd November - Year 4 South West Zone Athletics PP
Week 4	Thursday 10th November - Mana Tamariki Event - Part 1 Year 4 Overnight Stay Friday 11th November - Mana Tamariki Event - Part 2
Week 5	Thursday 17th November - H.A.C.K Celebration Assembly - 1.45pm
Week 7 EOTC Week	Monday 28th November - Mana Middles EOTC Trip to Wellington Thursday 1st December - Eastern Hutt School Gala - 4pm - 6.30pm
Week 9	Monday 12th December - Mana Middles Fun Day Friday 16th December - Last Day of Term

Term 4 Curriculum Overview

Inquiry

Our inquiry for Term 4 will be a Hauora (Health and PE) based study - Mana Tamariki. Using the Whare Tapa Whā model, tamariki will have learning experiences in the following key areas;

Taha tinana (Physical well-being)

Tamariki will develop core and endurance strength in a range of physical activities safely.

Key competency: Managing self

Taha whanau (Social well-being)

Tamariki will develop skills to work well in a team through compassion and communication.

Key competency: Relating to others. Participating and contributing.

Taha hinengaro (Mental and emotional well-being)

Tamariki will develop strategies to build resilience and not be afraid of failure.

Key competency: Thinking

Taha wairua (Spiritual well-being)

Tamariki will identify personal strengths and challenges to develop self-worth.

Key competency: Managing self

Tuakana-Teina

Tamariki with more experience will support other tamariki to create tuakana-teina/buddy system relationships.

This learning will lead up to our Mana Tamariki Event held over two half days in Week 4. Tamariki will have the opportunity to challenge themselves as they work cooperatively to complete a series of outdoor events.



Literacy

Our focus will be on teaching the skills and strategies for students to become competent readers and writers. We will start the term with some creative writing, exploring the different forms of poetry. We will focus on writing a recount of an event or experience. Year 4 tamariki will write explanations about how and why things happen to support our Inquiry. A key focus will be on writing well formed sentences that have correct grammar, punctuation and flow well.

MATHS

This term we will look at geometry, specifically focusing on 2D and 3D shapes and transformation. We will also be focusing on directional thinking with position and orientation. Tamariki will focus on developing their Financial Literacy knowledge. We will also be learning about Interpreting Statistical and Chance Situations. Tamariki will learn to justify and explain their thinking to others while working collaboratively on problem-solving tasks. Practising basic facts, number patterns, place value and number knowledge is an ongoing focus. Number Talks continue to develop the ability to stretch our mathematical thinking, justify our reasoning and appreciate the different thinking of others.

HEALTH & PE

Our Mindfulness programmes will continue along with daily fitness sessions to support tamariki well-being. We begin our Term with developing our athletics skills with focused skill sessions with Kelly Sports. Swimming will begin again this Term, further notification will be given as to when this will start up. We will focus on safety in and around the pool alongside swimming skills. This Term we will also have some outside providers deliver skills based lessons in Tennis and Softball.

DIGITAL Learning

We will continue our digital learning focus to develop tamariki awareness of digital citizenship and online safety. Tamariki will continue to build their skills in digital technologies including Robotics, Google Drive, Seesaw, and Coding.

THE ARTS

Tamariki will enjoy music experiences with our specialist music teacher Mrs Thom. We will be exploring how we can use natural resources from the environment to create pieces of art. We will celebrate the festival of Diwali by creating rangoli patterns and using clay to make finger pot diyas. We will use drama to develop and display our understanding of the Key Competencies.

Māori

Karakia and waiata will continue to be promoted as part of our Middles Team and school culture. Te Reo language learning will focus on positional language. We will learn how to describe and give positional instructions. Continuing to understand and learn our new school haka will be another part of our Te Ao Māori journey for kaiako and tamariki.

H.A.C.K HOMEWORK CHALLENGE

Over the holidays, your child may have completed some more of your H.A.C.K activities. Please bring them into school or email/seesaw your child's teacher with evidence to share with your class. Send in the signed form so teachers can sign off completed tasks. At least six activities must be signed off to achieve your Bronze (Year 3) or Silver (Year 4) certificate. Children have until Monday 7th November to have these signed off. The H.A.C.K celebration assembly will be on Thursday 17th November, 1.45pm in the school hall. Tamariki will be awarded their certificates and whānau are welcome to attend.

General Information

- School officially opens at **8.30am** and children shouldn't be arriving at school before this time. Classes start at 8.55am. Tamariki should be in class before 8:55am so they have time to catch up with friends and be ready to start the day.
- Term 4 requires all tamariki to wear a wide brimmed sun hat during all outdoor activities. Sun hats that are broad brimmed or bucket style provide protection to the face, neck and ears. Please ensure that your child has a named hat in their bag each day.
- Please name all clothing and equipment. This will help to reduce lost property and allow us to return items.
- It is important for students to have access to water during the day to keep them hydrated. Tamariki need to bring a **named bottle** to the classroom.
- We encourage healthy eating - children shouldn't be bringing sweets or flavoured drinks to school.
- Please ensure your child's clothing and footwear is suitable for daily fitness sessions and PE activities.
- Whānau are welcome to attend our Mana Middles assemblies at 1:45 pm Thursday, Week 2, Week 5 and Week 8

can you help?

- Please keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell.

We are looking forward to another exciting term of fun learning opportunities for your tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui

Middles Team Kaiako/Teachers