

Junior Team Term 4 Newsletter 2019

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely spring break and some family time together. It is incredible to think that we are beginning our final term at school for 2019!

A very warm welcome to our new 5 year olds and their families who are beginning school this term in B3 with Mrs Louise Harrington and Mrs Jayne Chatfield. We'd love our new families to join us for our start of term school Powhiri on Friday morning. Please talk to your teacher for more information.

Curriculum Learning for Term 4

We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us, with lots of interesting opportunities for learning. The end of the year gets a little crazy, so keep an eye out for emails, notices and newsletters informing you of events and activities.

Growth Mindset - Learning about Learning

We are continuing in Term 4 to explore ways that we learn best. As we learn, we are thinking about how we can build independence, confidence, enthusiasm and resilience. We know that making mistakes and trying new things out is an important part of our learning process.

Inquiry Learning

This term our Inquiry concept is 'Patterns and Systems'. We will be exploring a variety of contexts that the children become interested in as they tune in to thinking about this concept. Animal patterns and habitats, space and the solar system, life cycles and growing things, schedules, calendars, timetables and routines are all contexts for patterns and systems in our world. Classes will explore, investigate, discover, and make sense of new ideas and information that they acquire. We are planning on exploring and sharing our inquiry learning through the arts. This term will end with a junior school classroom 'gallery' walk through, giving students an opportunity to share and celebrate their learning with parents and whanau.

Literacy

Integrated reading and writing programmes link to our inquiry learning, and play based experiences. Instructional, independent and shared reading and writing happen daily. Please ensure your child has their yellow book bag at school every day.

Numeracy

In the junior school, we will be continuing to develop and strengthen our early number sense, and counting. We will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes, and learning about New Zealand money. We will spend time learning to use mathematical language to explain and share our thinking with others.

PE and Health

Our PE programme this term will develop enthusiasm, strength, stamina, fitness, agility, and coordination. Please send your child to school with sensible footwear and clothing for active movement and exercise.

Fun Run: Weeks 1- 4

Every week we'll be training for our fun run event in Week 4. Parents will be welcome to come along and cheer us on. More info to follow soon.

Folk Dancing: Weeks 4 - 8

We'll be learning a variety of dances from different countries and cultures around the world. At the end of the term we will showcase our dances to parents. More info to follow soon!

Cricket Skills Workshops: Week 5

Wellington Cricket will be running a free coaching session with each junior class during week 5. This will help to develop students' strength with hitting, striking, and coordination.

Swimming: Weeks 3-9

Our school pool will hopefully be ready for swimming to begin around Week 3. Your child's teacher will provide more information on class swimming programmes. Swimming is an important and essential part of the New Zealand school curriculum, and it is expected that all students will participate.

Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP)

We will continue running our PMP programme for our new entrant children at the beginning of Term 4. PMP helps to develop and maintain children's perceptual and physical motor skills. These provide the foundations necessary for them to succeed in their early school years. If you'd like to volunteer to help with PMP please talk to your classroom teacher. We'd love your support!

Term 4 Important Info

- Classrooms open and welcome children ***from*** 8.30am.
- Our school day begins promptly at 8.55am. Please let the office know if your child is late to school.
- Name all clothing and belongings.
- Bring sensible footwear and a water bottle every day.
- Sun hats are compulsory in Term 4 for all outside activities and play. Children with no hat at school will be required to stay out of the sun. They will be supervised in the hall.
- Junior Team Assemblies are on Mondays in Week 2, 4, 6 and 8 - starting at 2.15pm. Parents and whanau are most welcome to come along.

HCC Build and Play Trailer

During the first two weeks of Term 4 the Hutt City Council ***Build and Play Trailer*** will be visiting the junior school in the C Block quad area.. This is sponsored by local real estate company, Cummings Kilgariff & Co.

Each junior class will have 2 sessions with the trailer. Equipment in the trailer encourages children to be creative, try new things out and take risks. We would love to have

parent/grandparent/whanau helpers to attend our classroom sessions with the trailer. This will help teachers to support children as they build, play and use a variety of tools. Please talk to your child's teacher if you are keen to be involved.



End of Year Junior Fun Trip to the Huia Pool

This year we have planned to celebrate the end of the year with a fun day that includes a swimming session at the Huia Pool on Tuesday 10 December. We will be walking to and from the pool. The Huia Pool will be closed to the public. The junior classes will be split into 3 groups and swim at different times throughout the day so that the size of the group swimming is manageable and safe. Since this trip is around water we require more parent helpers than usual. We would like to be able to confirm we have enough helpers as soon as possible. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help us out on this date. More information regarding the trip will follow later.

Nude Food Healthy Lunch Boxes

We encourage and prefer reusable containers, homemade food, fresh fruit or vegetables and recyclable or reusable packaging. We discourage plastic wraps, and single use bags or packaging.



Why do we have Nude Food Lunches?

This helps us to reduce rubbish, keep our school tidy, protect the environment and eat healthy food. We are one of four schools in the Wellington region to hold a green gold enviroschool award. We appreciate your support in helping us to maintain our enviro school beliefs and practices.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18 October	Powhiri to welcome new students - 9.45am
Monday 28 October	Labour Day - school closed to students
Tuesday 29 October	Teacher Only Day - school closed to students
Thursday 7 November	Junior School Fun Run Cross Country Event (more information to follow)
Friday 8 November	Home and School Junior Disco 5pm (more information to follow)
Thursday 5 December	Junior School Folk Dancing Display and Gallery Walk (more information to follow)
Tuesday 10 December	Junior End of Year Huia Pool Trip (more information to follow)
Wednesday 11 December	Junior Christmas Celebration with Mr Whippy Ice Cream Day
Friday 13 December	Last day of 2019 - School finishes at 12pm.

Can you help?

We are always looking out for helpers! Helpers around our school put books away, sharpen pencils, care for our class garden, work with small groups of children, and the list goes on! If you have some spare time and would like to get involved please talk to your child's teacher.

Ngā mihi nui,

Junior Teaching Team