



Term Two 2018-Class Newsletter

Terrific, Tremendous, Talented Tūi

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you all had a relaxing break. A special welcome to Ryan who has joined us from Whangarei. We are happy to have you in our class.

It was lovely to meet you all at Learning Conferences at the end of last term. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or just want a catch-up.

I was very proud of Ellie, Claudia, Connor, Teija, Olivia, Myla-J and Tia who stood for Student Council and presented their speeches in front of the whole school. Congratulations to Ellie who was nominated to represent Tūi and well done to the rest of you.

Our Inquiry focus is Scientific Relationships using Astronomy. This theme will carry across the Curriculum into our Science, Art, Writing, Reading, I.T. etc We are using factual writing to present our thoughts and learning about Astronomy. I am looking into the possibility of a trip to the Whakatane Observatory and shall let you all know the outcome at a later date.

We will be involved in Road Safety Week 7th-13th May, completing a variety of related activities.

Towards the end of the Term we will learn all about Matariki and have a celebratory meal, with our school community, in the Otakiri Hall. More about that at a later date.

Tūi are learning how to make a Google slideshow and some children have chosen to present their learning in this manner. Ashby and Kieran have been very helpful in teaching the other children how to do it.

The weather in Term Two can be very unpredictable. Please ensure that your child comes to school with warm clothing as it can be very cold in the mornings. Please name all clothing.

Our Maths focus is Number Knowledge and learning and using number strategies to solve number problems. We shall also be learning to read and tell the time and measure temperature.

Your child will continue to bring home a daily home reader. They *must* be taken home and returned in a book bag. If your child does not bring their book back to school they will not get a new one till it comes back to school.

Term Two is Cross Country term and we will be training daily. Your child will need a named water bottle and a change of clothes to run in. We will be training every day. This will be followed by Winter ball games.

Looking forward to a busy term filled with 'Rich and Real' activities.

Regards-Jacqui Graham Teacher, A.K.A. Miss G.