

Term 3 2020 Karearea Newsletter



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

After a very refreshing two weeks break it is great to be back at school enjoying the vibrancy and enthusiasm of the students in Karearea Class.

In the last weekend of the holidays the staff were involved in the "Teachers Matter Online Conference." Presenters from several different countries shared their research and expertise. Of particular interest to me was Art Costa's, "16 Habits of Mind" and the importance of developing these attitudes within our students. Two examples of these are, Persisting and Thinking Interdependently.



Last Thursday we were very privileged to experience a Powhiri at Iramoko Marae. Pouroto Ngaropo kept us intrigued as he shared the history and legends of the Ngati Awa people. Such a rich learning experience for our tamariki which will be integrated into our Literacy and Social Sciences activities. Children will follow the Writing Process to complete a Recount of our visit to Iramoko Marae. Their completed work will be uploaded onto Seesaw for you to read.

Maths and Art:

For the first two weeks students will be working on revising basic facts and real life Maths as we complete an integrated unit on Matariki which includes problem solving and calendar work where they identify the links of the phases of the moon with good times to go fishing.



We will look at transformation of shapes and students will create some of their own kowhaiwhai patterns. Children will work both independently, with a buddy or in a small groups to develop their understanding of Fractions and Time.

Fitness/Sport:

Design Learning: For the first few weeks Karearea students will work with a buddy to design their own fitness circuit. This has proved to be intrinsically motivating as they complete a range of activities using a variety of equipment.

On Monday and Wednesday afternoons we also participate in a rotation which involves practising the skills of Hockey, Soccer, Netball and Rippa Rugby. It is pleasing to see that some children have also registered to play in the Quick Rip Module on Monday afternoons in Whakatane.



Waiata/Kapa Haka: We are really enjoying our weekly session with Matua Murray. I have been very impressed with the concentration, enthusiasm and progress students have made to learn a variety of action songs. By the end of the year I am sure they will be able to perform some beautiful waiata.

Regards Anthea Shattock