



Tui Newsletter Term 4

Friday 22nd October 2021

Kia ora koutou,

I hope you have all had a refreshing and relaxing two weeks and have been enjoying the sunshine! It is very exciting to be back for Term 4 as there are many amazing opportunities for the students coming in their learning, sports and our Ohope Beach camp. The temperatures are sure to heat up this term. It would be great if students could bring a drink bottle and also a named school hat. Please name clothing items so that they are easily returned to the right student.

We're gearing up for another exciting and busy term of learning and achievement and guiding us through this process will be our LEAD Expectations (**L**earning with Purpose, **E**ngaging with kindness, **A**cting with Respect, **D**are to Dream). We are beginning the term discussing negative stereotypes and using positive words.

Inquiry

We will be continuing our inquiry learning with a unit about New Zealand Explorers. We will learn about the first Māori explorers that discovered Aotearoa, followed by the European explorers. Near the end of the term, students will have the opportunity to have their own passion project where they will choose their own topic to explore and share back to the class.

Literacy

In Writing this term, we will focus on descriptive and narrative writing. In Narrative writing we will explore different types of narrative, use a story mountain to pace our story

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and use a personal voice that is suitable for narrative writing. In descriptive writing we will describe a person, place or a thing in detail.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on Geometry and Transformation (Reflection, Rotation, Translation, Enlargement), Multiplication and Division and problem solving to link with camp.

Kapa Haka

Kapa Haka returns with Whaea Keita Thompson to teach our tamariki for Kapa Haka this term.

Seesaw

Tui class will be continuing to share our learning with parents on Seesaw. Please add comments to encourage your child.

Homework

This term we will take a break from our regular homework that is set. I encourage you to instead use that time for a personal reading time in the afternoon/evening and also co-operative family games like Monopoly Deal.

Important Dates:

Labour Day - Monday 26th October

Gold Team Athletics - Friday 5th November

Rangitaiki Cluster Athletics - 15th November

School Disco - Friday 12th November

Teacher Only Day - Friday 19th November

Tui Camp - 6-8th December

Learning Conversations - Thursday 12th December & Monday 13th December

Final School Assembly - 15th December