

# Nikau Newsletter

Rooms 17,18,19

Term 2 2018

**Kia ora tatou. Welcome to term 2!**

## School Hours

To help your child settle in to class routines, please ensure they arrive after 8:30a.m. but before 8:55a.m. School finishes at 2:55p.m.

## School Uniform

Students should be wearing our school uniform with pride. It is important that the correct uniform is worn however we do understand that there may be times when it is necessary for non-regulation items to worn. An explanatory note would be appreciated. As we are entering the colder season, students should have a school jumper and a raincoat available. If girls are wearing tights, they must be navy or black.

## Homework

There will be a homework sheet that comes home each week. All students are expected to complete reading and maths learning each week. There is also a vocabulary activity that focuses on how words work and spelling rules, rather than learning a spelling list.

## Term 2

Term two will be busy and action-packed. We are very fortunate to be able to continue with the specialisation programmes. We will be participating in the dance and drama programmes for weeks 6 to 10. Te Reo will be integrated into the daily programme to encourage use in authentic contexts.

## Library

Our Library day is on a Monday where students can issue books. This will begin next week.

## STEAM Rotations

This term we will beginning a rotation of activities that focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Music. The focus of these sessions is to build our Key Competencies through the wider curriculum. We will be observing, working with others, experimenting, drawing scientific diagrams, making predictions and checking our hypothesis. What an exciting time!

## Context Focus

This term our focus is ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS. We begin this with a trip to Auckland Zoo on Friday 11th May. We will be learning about extreme

environments and how animals adapt to survive in these.

## Literacy Focus

We will learning to write information reports and arguments as part of our contextual learning.

In reading we will continue to build decoding and comprehension skills across the curriculum.

## Mathematical Focus

This term we are continuing on with addition and subtraction. We will move in to Multiplication and Division during the second half of the term.

Our strand is Measurement. We will be focussing on length and perimeter.

## P.E focus

The physical education programme includes daily physical activities i.e. relays, interval training, team games and skipping. We will use our physical activity programme to prepare the students for the annual cross country in week 7.

There will be times when we ask students to bring a change of clothes so that they can train for this. They do get very muddy when running around the school. The expectation is for all students to participate in this school event.

Our skills and games focus is catching, throwing and kicking..

## Important Dates

Please keep up to date with upcoming events via our school newsletter and website.

## Communication

If you have any questions or queries, please contact your classroom teacher in the first instance. If you require further support, Lisa Leggett (team leader), Julie Butler and Jo Patrick (Assistant Principals) or Linda Barton (Principal) will be happy to assist.

Email is a great way to keep in touch with us.

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Kind regards,  
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