

DISCOVERY

Term 2 newsletter



MONDAY 28TH APRIL

KO TE RĀHINA KO TE PAENGA-WHĀWHĀ

WELCOME TO TERM 2!

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and autumn holidays. As we begin this new term, it's time to refocus and get ready for a busy and exciting few weeks ahead. There are lots of exciting events and opportunities coming up, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone engage, learn, and make the most of everything on offer. Let's work together, support one another, and make Term 2 a great success!

Congratulations to one of our Epro8 teams who have been selected for the Epro8 Regional Event! Mr Otto will have a permission slip out for this very shortly, as it is this Friday!

This week we have Youthtown Cycling coming in to run a programme with our Year 5's and 6's. This programme is designed for years 5 - 8 and focusses on:

- Engaging games to test the skills they have learnt.
- Learning how to ride a bike.
- Learning how to check a bike + helmet to make sure it is in good working order to be ridden safely.
- Basic road safety.

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

School Photos - Tuesday 29th April (**wk 1**)
Youthtown Cycling Yr 5-6 - Wed 30th April and Thurs 1st May (**wk 1**)
Pink Shirt Day - Friday 16th May (**wk 3**)
Rugby and Netball Fun Day - Tuesday 20th May,
RNFD Postponement - Thursday 22nd May (**wk 4**)
Basketball fun day (Year 5&6) - Friday 30th May, (**week 5**)
Kings Birthday (Public Holiday) - Monday 2nd June (**wk 6**)
Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 3rd June (**wk 6**)
School Cross-Country - Wednesday 4th June, Postpone Date -
Friday 6th June (**wk 6**)
Tough Guy and Gal Challenge - Tuesday 10th June (**wk 7**)
Interscholar Cross-Country - Wednesday 18th June, Postpone Date -
Thursday 19th June (**wk 8**)
Matariki (Public Holiday)- Friday 20th June (**wk 8**)
End of Term Assembly - Friday 27th June (**wk 9**)

OUR LEARNING

During this term our core kaupapa (topic) will be learning based around 'Heroes'. Heroes can be found in every community. They demonstrate values such as courage, kindness, and perseverance. Not all heroes are famous – many are everyday people who make a difference in the lives of others. This kaupapa will be integrated through our guided reading sessions and writing as we build our knowledge and understanding around heroes. Do you know have any heroes in your family? Or know a local hero who may like to pay the class a visit or be interviewed by some children? If so, please reach out and email me so we can arrange something.

In maths, we will continue to work on learning and consolidating our number knowledge including multiplication strategies, finding fractions of whole numbers, times tables, and corresponding division facts with the aim of being able to recall them with both accuracy and speed. Prime maths is our core focus but most groups will be delving deeply into the above areas.

P.E this term will focus on our endurance and fitness as we make our way into Winter Sports (large ball skills) and preparing for our Cross Country. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for running in; shorts or tights underneath their long pants can be useful. I often get asked about basketball, expressions of interest to play Miniball (Basketball) will go out towards the end of the term, as this is a term 3 sport. There is also the Basketball Fun Day which is a good way to see if they will enjoy this sport.

As you can see, it's going to be a busy term with lots of events, particularly for our Year 5 & 6's. Please regularly check bags for notices and return them promptly. Any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch. You may notice, I am now signing off my notices with 'Whaea Leasa', no need to stress, I will still answer to Miss Craw, Leasa, Mum and occasionally Nana too!

REMINDERS

Homework mainly consists of reading and recall of maths facts. I know the days are short and everyone is busy, but implementing a reading routine is incredibly beneficial to your child's reading progress. I'm always here for book suggestions and the expectation is that children take 2 books out of the library on a weekly basis. All children have a **StepsWeb** account that they can access at home as well – this is a individual programme based on your child's needs and I have seen children make tremendous progress in their reading and spelling knowledge. If you require some maths homework, they can access their **MathPro** accounts at home. Otherwise learning timetables and division facts both accurately and with speed can be beneficial. **Library** days will be a Friday and I will continue to check in weekly on a Friday with your child and their Reading Log, please remind them to bring both their Library books and reading logs on Fridays.