

Te Aramoana Newsletter

Term 3, 2019

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Tena Koutou Katoa. It's been lovely hearing about all the holiday experiences of our students over the winter break. Term 3 will be full of new experiences that are aimed at extending and challenging the learners. A highlight will be our production in week 8 and our build up to Winter Sports Tournament in week 3. As always, please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Our Plans for Term 3

Inquiry-Healthy Heroes

We challenge our learners and their whanau to put a little thought into how we fuel our bodies and look after them to be able to perform at our peak. In the first 4 weeks we will learn about the effects of exercise, healthy eating, rest and growing our minds. This will include collecting some baseline data around our usual habits and the way we are currently feeling each day. In week 5 we will launch our 9 week programme that challenges us to meet targets (info sent out at the end of last term). We are all looking forward to see if there is a shift in wellbeing. We thank the Waikanae Rotary for their time, energy and input into the programme.

Team Tui- are in full swing with their volunteer army with various projects across the school

Literacy

Team Karearea- We are moving into a novel studies unit. This will be based around literature circles where each group reads a section of a chapter book, completing a variety of tasks then sits down to discuss the main ideas in the text. It is learning gold to hear student's predicting what will happen and the discussion from various perspectives.

Team Tui (Room 12 & 13)- Will focus on topic based reading comprehension (healthy heros) then move into guided reading.

Maths

We will focus on measurement, algebra and fractions this term. Both teams will use a variety of rich collaborative tasks to pull apart the main concepts and direct teaching to students needs to build knowledge and capability. We welcome our expert Dinah Harvey back in week 3 to conduct some in class modelling and professional development for the teachers.

PE & Health

Junior Winter Tournament

Where: Mazengarb Reserve (Fields & Hockey Turf)- Hockey and Football

Te Atiawa Park (Fields & Netball Courts)- Rippa and Netball

When: Tuesday 6 August 2019

Time: First games at 12.00pm

Postponement date: Thursday 8 August 2019

We would still like to hear from any parents that may be able to supervise a team for the afternoon. Please get in touch if you can help. The students will bus down and back from the venues.

Positive Puberty

There is a notice with information attached. The programme runs for a full day on 29th August.

Production

This will be held in week 8 and will be a variety style show, with different acts from each class. There will be many ways to help your child and class during preparation for this and teachers welcome your input. More details will follow from each class as they iron out their performance. As always, the students are buzzing at the opportunity to perform!

Activity fees

Activity fees this term will cover;

Mathletics

Reading Eggs

Puberty lessons- Unless students have been opted out

An invoice will be sent home soon with the cost of these activities.

How you can help at home

Reading- Reading to, share reading, family reading, independent reading, all reading will have a positive result for our students. It is recommended that they read for 15 minutes per night. As we all know this will look different in every household, any support with this is much appreciated.

Mathletics- Every child has set tasks for the week that link to their next learning steps, time is given in class, however, students also have access to this at home.

Home learning challenges- This term students will need support recording and reflecting on the Healthy Hero unit of work.

Google classroom- Each student can access their google classroom at home. The online classroom has a link to their work, with supporting material and due dates. This is a fantastic way for parents to have an insight into what is happening in the classroom. To access this, students **must** sign into their school google accounts, which then opens up all the google apps for education linked to that address (google classroom, seesaw etc etc).

Kind Regards,

The Te Aramoana Team

Te Aramoana and Te Poutama

Puberty Lessons - Term 3, 2019

Parent/Whanau Information Evening

Tuesday 27 August at 6 - 7 pm

Venue: Waikanae School Staffroom

As part of the NZ Health & Physical Education Curriculum we have engaged Nest Consulting to provide their 'Positive Puberty' programme for our Year 5/6 and their 'Positive Puberty Plus' programme for our Year 7/8 students.

All topics will be covered age appropriately in a way that relates to male and female puberty, the changing body, sense of self, decision making, media influences, celebrating diversity and body confidence.

We will be holding a Parents Information evening prior to the programme beginning.

It will include an overview of the NZ school sexuality guidelines, an outline of normal growth and development expected at puberty and a run-through of the student programme .

You can access feedback from other schools who have utilised Nest Consulting's Programmes on their FaceBook page: www.facebook.com/NestConsulting

If you have concerns about your child participating in the programme, we encourage you to attend the Whanau information evening for more information before deciding whether to include your child.

If you decide to withdraw your child from the programme, please complete the form below and return to school prior to the commencement of the sessions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Te Aramoana and Te Poutama Teachers

Child's Name _____ Room _____

I **do not** want my child to attend the 'Positive Puberty' Programme.

Signed: _____

(Parent/ Guardian)