

YEAR 3 AND 4 SYNDICATE

TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2016



Tuesday 3rd May, 2016



NAU MAI, WELCOME TO TERM 2 2016

Welcome back to school, and a big warm Tauriko welcome to our new families who are starting the term with us. We look forward to getting to know you all and helping you to settle into school.

In addition to our usual team, and we would like to welcome Ian Woodfield as the part time teacher in Room 14 on Fridays. Ian will also be teaching in the other classes in the team. Ian comes to us with vast experience and a wealth of knowledge. When the children talk about Mr. Woody, you'll know who he is. Kim Death will continue working in Room 12 as Ms Guthrie's release teacher, as well as in her role as music teacher to the juniors.

Teachers in the Year3/4 Team are:

Room 11 Erin Shaw

Room 12 Helen Guthrie

Room 13 Kelly Soutar

Room 14 Lynda Palfrey (Team Leader)

The teachers have been busy prior to the break and during the holidays, to ensure a range of exciting, challenging learning experiences. Our term 2 topics are detailed in the next column.

Growth Mindset:

Last term we started looking at Growth vs Fixed Mindsets. The belief is that everyone can learn anything by working hard, taking on challenges, making mistakes and learning from them. The following diagram might help to explain some of the comments you could hear from your children. The challenge is to work hard and put in lots of effort, which sits beautifully with our goal of creating life-long learners.



Home –School Partnerships: Strong home-school partnerships are greatly valued at Tauriko School as they make a positive contribution to children's learning. Communication is the key to positive partnerships so please keep in touch throughout the term. Pop in to the classes at any time, send us an email or leave a comment on our class blogs. We would also appreciate parent help with a variety of tasks within the classroom programme. We are always grateful for our parent help so if you are able to help in the class or in any other way please let your class teacher know.

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

DAILY – fitness training

Tuesday - Mandarin

Wednesday - Recorder/Marimba

Thursday – 1:45

Team Hui (wks 1,3,5,7,9) PAC

Y1-4 Assembly (wks 2,4,6,8)

Hall

LIBRARY DAYS:

R11 – Friday 1:00 -1:40

R12 – Friday 10:35 – 11:25

R13 – Monday 11:25- 12:15

R14 – Thursday 1:00-1:40

TERM 2 TOPICS

INQUIRY –“Our Place in Space”
Science focus about Planet Earth and Beyond

Te Marae – the marae is a living, breathing entity, and the focal point of the community/ marae protocol and customs.

MATHS – Multiplication and Division, Problem-Solving, Statistical investigations, Measurement

ENGLISH – narratives, myths and legends, reports and explanations

HEALTH AND P.E – Cross Country/ Leg-It and Kick-It (large ball games)

THE ARTS – Marimba/Recorder, Dance and Drama

LANGUAGES – Te Reo Maori/Mandarin

WISH LIST

NEEDED:

- Newspapers

At this school, we don't do **easy**, We make easy happen through **hard work** and learning.

Home Learning: The staff and community have been involved in the process of reviewing Home Learning at Tauriko School. We want to ensure that Home Learning is positive, purposeful and reflects what we do at Tauriko and the way we do things. We want to ensure that there is consistency across the school as well as a progression through the levels. There is a parent meeting on Thursday 5th May at 6:30 to share our thinking with the parent community. Home Learning will be coming home from next week onward and there will be additional Home Learning opportunities and challenges on the website.

Cross Country: We start this term with regular, daily fitness/ running in preparation for the School Cross Country event in week 4 at Waipuna Park. Please encourage your children to come to school each day with suitable clothing, prepared for running. Children need to be able to remove layers prior to running and then replace once they cool down. Please help us by ensuring all clothing is clearly named. Independent running practice at home is a great way to further develop fitness and stamina.

Remember to keep checking on the website for further information relating to the term's events such as cross country and the Book Fair / Book Week.

As you can tell, this is going to be another busy term filled with learning across the curriculum. We appreciate and value the relationships we have, and continue to grow with our learners and their families. We look forward to continuing to work with you as we create the "magic in the middle."

Kind Regards,

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Suzanne Billington
Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 1

Back to school Monday 2nd May

Week 3

Mon 16 May:

Whanau Hui, 3pm

WEEK 4

Tues 24th May Whole School
Cross-country

Friday 1:00 pm-CCC

WEEK 5

Book Week and Book Fair

Friday 1:00 pm-CCC

WEEK 6

Monday – Queen's Birthday

Friday 1:00 pm-CCC

Week 7

Friday 1:00 pm-CCC

WEEK 8

Friday 1:00 pm-CCC

WEEK 9

Marae visits (tbc)

Week 10

Leadership Week

Friday 8th July- Last day of Term 2

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS