

Mairangi Bay School Senior Team
Term 2, 2019 Newsletter

Dear parents

Thank you for your support during the first term, with a special thank you to those people who assisted with our camp and with our school and inter school swimming sports. We value and appreciate everyone's ongoing support in assisting us in a myriad of different ways.

The term ahead looks to be another busy one for us all.

Speeches

Our senior students have begun writing persuasive speeches. The speeches must be written entirely by the children, however, we encourage parents to be involved by helping with ideas, questioning children about the content, listening to children presenting speeches at home and offering presentation advice. Although the children will need to write their speeches at school they may do research and bring notes from home. We would ask that parents and caregivers do not proofread or edit the children's work or encourage them to write in a particular way. Our team speech finals will take place in our school hall later this term. We will advise you of dates once we have judges confirmed.

Cross country

As you will be aware we have started training for the school cross country event which will be held on Wednesday 22 May, with a save day on Friday 24 May. We expect all children to participate with training and on race day, however if your child is excused for medical reasons, please send an email or written note to the class teacher.

Writers' Festival

29 children will have the opportunity to hear published authors talk about their books as well as their methods and motivation on May 14th or 16th.
The children chosen will have taken letters home.

Student Leaders

Last week the teachers spent a great deal of time considering the children who will be the 2019 Student Leaders. This has been an enormously challenging task due to the high quality of applicants. We have chosen an initial group of children and these were announced last Friday. A second group of student leaders will be selected and announced later in term. The reason for this is that we are reviewing the roles these children have and are trying to match leadership strengths with authentic responsibilities.

Garden to Table

This new initiative started this term with Rooms 1 and 2. Over the term all senior classes will have two sessions in the kitchen and two sessions of gardening. Each session finishes with the class sharing together the food that has been prepared. This programme will run each Thursday morning for the remainder of the year

For your Calendar

Every Thursday Year 6 marimba starts at 8.10am. The choir and Year 5 marimba is in the afternoon.

14 and 16 May	Writers' Festival for some children.
22 May	School Cross Country (afternoon)
23 May	Rippa tournament #1
24 May	Cross country save day
29 May	Industrial Action: Strike (school closed)
30 May	Kahui Ako festival rehearsal 9.00am - 2.30pm
31 May	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
3 June	Queens Birthday (school closed)
4 - 6 June	Kahui Ako festival rehearsals 9.00am - 2.30pm
7 June	Kahui Ako festival performance 12.30pm-2pm (live stream)
12 June	Super Cross Country
17 - 21 June	Book week
18 June	APPA choir rehearsal
19 June	Year 6 Netball field day
21 June	PTA Movie night
25 June	Perform Education at school to present a show to Year 5 and 6
3 and 4 July	Parent Teacher Interviews
4 July	Rippa tournament #2
5 July	Last day of term 2.

Note any changes will be notified via the school newsletter.

Curriculum

Written language: Persuasive writing will take the first half of term and then we will move into an instructional writing unit of work.

Reading: The reading programme will vary slightly from class to class. Each class teacher has a reading programme suited to the needs of the children.

Mathematics: Maths teaching will continue to be home room taught. As well as the number units of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, ratios and proportions, we will be teaching volume, weight and area and metric units for length, area, capacity / volume, weight, and mass. Problem solving will continue to be part of our lessons.

Topic / Inquiry: This term all classes will be studying "systems." In particular we look at systems within the biosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and geosphere.

Physical Education: Winter sports skills – hockey, soccer, touch, Unihoc and netball.

Te Reo will continue this term. All classes have their lessons on a Monday.

Learning Albums

Throughout the year children will be using their Learning Albums to record "samples" of work that they will be able to show you at Student Led conferences in term 3. Children will then be able to show you how they have progressed throughout the year as they talk to you about their learning.

Communication:

Please email or talk to us if you have any questions or concerns. We will do our best to keep you all informed of the details of events and activities throughout the term.

Camp Evaluation

You will shortly receive a link to a very quick survey regarding the camp. We would appreciate your feedback to help us with future planning.

Kind regards

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