

# YEAR 6 TEAM NEWSLETTER

## TERM 4

Welcome back to Term 4!

The Year 6 team have been preparing for another busy and productive term with many different learning opportunities for our tamariki. Please make note of any important dates and remember to keep an eye out for HERO posts throughout the term, to keep you informed.

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4**

#### **Week 1**

18th Oct Tuesday - Room 17 Bike Safety Training (+R19 swimmers)  
19th Oct Wednesday - Room 18 Bike Safety Training  
20th Oct Thursday - Room 19 Bike Safety Training  
20th Oct Thursday - Swimming Sports AUT (9am-1pm)

#### **Week 2**

24th Oct Monday - Labour Day (school closed)  
25th Oct Tuesday - Student Led Conferences (3.20 - 6.50pm)

#### **Week 3**

1st Nov Tuesday - Interschool Swimming AUT  
3rd Nov Thursday - Photolife (Team Photos)

#### **Week 4**

7th Nov Monday - Cluster Touch  
10th Nov Thursday - North Harbour Gymnastics Competition - 9am - 12pm  
10th Nov Thursday - North Shore Kiwilele Jam - 10.30am - 12.30pm

#### **Week 5**

16th Nov Wednesday - Year 5/6 Athletics Day  
18th Nov Friday - Year 5/6 Athletics Save Day

#### **Week 6**

23rd Nov Wednesday Year 5 Wearable Arts Show  
24th Nov Thursday - Year 6 Wearable Arts Show (evening time TBC)  
25th Nov Friday - Cluster Athletics

#### **Week 7**

28th Nov Monday - Cluster Tennis  
30th Nov Wednesday - Cluster Athletics Save Day

#### **Week 8**

6th Dec Tuesday - Year 6 Rainbows End Trip

#### **Week 9**

13th Dec Tuesday - Year 6 Leaving Ceremony - 1.30pm (more information to follow)  
15th Dec Thursday - Last Day of School

### **Learning for Term 4**

**Mathematics:** We focus on a problem-solving and inquiry maths approach. We encourage children to explain and share their strategies for solving problems as a way of enhancing their understanding of mathematical processes and ideas. They will be building on their learning of fractions, decimals and percentages. This term our big focus will be Algebra.

**Writing:** The focus for the term will be building an anthology of poetry using different literacy devices and linking to our sustainability topic. We will also be continuing to look at narratives

and accumulating all our learning from the year towards improving on our writing structure and surface features.

**Reading:** Each class will run its own instructional reading programme to meet the needs of the students. Where possible we link our reading to other work, particularly inquiry work we are doing in class.

**Inquiry:** Our topic this term is 'Sustainability'. This is a social studies topic investigating the ways in which we can help to protect the environment. We will be working towards creating a product from recycled materials for our Wearable Arts Show.

### **Sport**

In Term 4, we will be learning skills in Athletics.

- How to run, jump and throw
- Work individually to develop a skill
- Develop movement skills in challenging situations and describe how these challenges impact on themselves and others.
- Identify risks and their causes and describe safe practices to manage these.

There will be an Athletics Day at school (16th November) for students to show their skills and compete for a place in the Cluster Athletics which will be held on Friday 25th November.

### **Resilience Programme**

Students will continue to learn how to be more resilient. Building life skills in gratitude, empathy and mindfulness.

### **End of Year Events**

At the end of this term we will be celebrating our Year 6s leaving MBS and heading off to intermediate school. This will include a trip to Rainbows End, shirt signing on the last day, a leaving ceremony, which will include activities afterwards and an opportunity for parents to stay for food and coffee to give staff time to farewell families and students. Please keep an eye out on HERO for further information about these events.

### **Reminders**

We have all been enjoying the freedom of no masks and some normality. However, if your child is unwell, please keep them at home. Please note that it is a summer term, students need to be wearing the correct uniform. They can choose to wear summer or winter uniform, but not a combination of both. Students **MUST** have a school hat each day to wear when outside, no hat, no play. It is a really good idea to put sunscreen on your child in the mornings so they don't get burnt during sport or lunchtimes.

The Year 6 teachers are looking forward to our final term with our tamariki and all the exciting things we have planned. Please feel free to email your classroom teacher for any further information on the above. We hope to see you all at the Student Led Conferences.

Kind regards,

### **Year 6 Team**

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