

Puriri (C2) Community Pānui/Notice – Term 2 2024

Welcome to Term 2. We are excited to embark on another term packed with the fundamentals of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, alongside explorations in Science, Physical Education, Health and The Arts. Below is a brief summary of our learning focus for Term 2.

Science (The Living World) and New Zealand Histories

Ngāhere Kaitiaki (Guardians of Our Forest)

Our learning will be guided by the following questions:

Essential Question:

- **What native insects and invertebrates do we have in Warkworth and why are these so important to our ngāhere?**

Supporting Questions

- What Māori pūrākau do we have about the ngāhere and what is showing the value of kaitiaki?
- What are invertebrates and insects?
- What is a life cycle, and how are the life cycles of invertebrates similar and different to other animals?
- How can we identify invertebrates and insects?
- What invertebrates do we have in our area and are these native or introduced?
- Why are native invertebrates so important to our ngāhere?
- What are pest invertebrates, and how are these having an impact on our ngāhere?
- What can we do to improve our environment and be kaitiaki of our ngāhere?

Literacy

We will continue to work on building your child's confidence and skills in Reading and Writing. There will be a focus on developing strong phonological awareness and how this is applied when decoding (reading) and encoding (writing). Students will widen their oral vocabulary, which includes using nouns, verbs and adjectives, and apply this knowledge to their writing.

Mathematics

Our two major areas of focus are Number and Measurement. Students will continue to increase their knowledge of numbers and learn strategies to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division problems. They will explore measurement concepts with a focus on volume, mass, and capacity.

Health and Physical Education

Food and nutrition, along with healthy eating, will be our health focus this term. As part of our Physical Education programme, students will develop and practise large ball skills, and then apply these skills to team games. Towards the end of the term, students will be developing running skills and endurance in preparation for Cross Country participation in Term 3.

The Arts - Drama

Drama will be a focus in the Arts this term. Students will share drama through informal presentation and respond to ways in which drama tells stories and conveys ideas in their own and others' work.

Reminders

- Raincoats need to be in bags daily. Umbrellas are not suitable to send to school as they can be dangerous and hurt other children.
- Pack healthy lunches and snacks for your child. Packets of processed and high sugar snacks do not help them to concentrate throughout the day.
- Only water in drink bottles, no juice or juice boxes please.

- Please **name** everything, including drink bottles, lunch boxes, shoes, jackets and raincoats.
- Items that are precious to your child, such as toys and pokemon cards, should stay at home.
- Book bags need to be at school daily.

Important Dates to add to the calendar:

Week	Event	Date
1	Be Right, Eat Right, Food and Nutrition Magic Show	Wednesday 1 May
	Powhiri for new whānau and staff	Friday 3 May
2	New Zealand Sign Language Week	From Monday 6 May
3	Pink Shirt Day	Friday 17 May
5	Samoa Language Week	From Monday 27 May
	Teacher Only Day	Friday 31 May
6	King's Birthday	Monday 3 June
7	Volleyball Session	Wednesday 12 June
	Give a Kid a Blanket	Thursday 13 June
	School Disco	Friday 14 June
9	Matariki Public Holiday	Friday 28 June
10	School reports sent home	Wednesday 3 July
	Mahurangi College, Year 7-9, Present 'Madagascar'	Tuesday 2 July
	Last Day of Term Two	Friday 5 July
TBC	Puriri EOTC day	

Please feel free to connect with your child's guardian teacher if you have anything you would like to discuss.

Ngā mihi nui,

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