



Mission Whanau Newsletter
Term 2 2019



Welcome to Term 2! We warmly welcome Pip Draeger and Nadine McEwan who have taken over the teaching in SJ15. We also congratulate Mr and Mrs Newport on the safe arrival of their baby girl!

Taonga:

Our overarching theme for the year is Taonga (special gifts/treasures). This term we are developing understanding around; 'We know and understand the richness of taonga in Aotearoa's history'. In the first few weeks there will be a focus on the ANZAC's and our role in this part of history. If you have any service men or women in your family and have family stories you can share, we would appreciate you sharing this with your child. We are then going to start a research project based on New Zealand Heroes, past and present. You may find your child coming home asking questions or wanting to find out more!



Literacy/Numeracy:

Our beginning Literacy unit is also connected to our learning about ANZAC's. This is a great opportunity to explore letter writing, build new vocabulary, and research into what life was like in that time.

New Zealand Read Aloud: In Week 4 we will be starting our second book of the year, continuing to connect with lots of classes around NZ. We had so much fun connecting with the author, visiting the farm and building farmyards last term, that we can't wait to get stuck in!

The teachers and children are working on a new way to approach Maths where students can question, explain and justify their mathematical thinking. Teachers are being observed and mentored twice a term by specialist facilitators. Other schools have had huge success with this programme in addressing the needs of all students.



Religious Education:

The Holy Spirit and the Sacraments hold a special place in our Catholic faith. They are intertwined through everything we believe and create a richness that enhances our faith journey. We will develop understandings that:

- The Holy Spirit is a taonga in our Catholic faith.
- The Sacraments are a taonga that connect our Catholic history with our faith now.

Sport:

Our team PE focus will be on Gymnastics and Winter Sports. Sports available to the Year 3&4's this term are:

Sport	Teacher in Charge
Hockey	Miss Hewett
Basketball	Mrs McEwan





PE Gear:

Can you please check your child now has the correct t-shirt and shorts for the PE uniform and that these are named. We always put our PE days on our homework reminders sheet. Sneakers are optional and often depend on what we are learning.

Reports/Interviews:

Mid-Year Reports are due out in Week 8. This will give you a good indication of how your child is working and their goals. We will be holding parent-teacher-child interviews in Week 9. We hope to see you all there as this is a great time to check in and focus on next steps.

We would like to thank you for your support, especially at times when we have asked for parent help.
Ngā mihi.

Crystal Hewett, Julie Kelleher, Pip Draeger and Nadine McEwan



*Poipoiā te kakano kia puawai
– Nurture the seed and it will blossom*

