



Mission Whanau Newsletter
Term 3 2019

Here we are, halfway through the year! We are all set for another busy and exciting term.

Taonga:

Our overarching theme for the year is Taonga (special gifts/treasures). This term we are developing understanding around; 'We understand the gift of global treasures'. We will integrate this learning in lots of ways throughout the term. Later in the term we will be receiving our Student Volunteer Army School Kit which will be aiming at assessing our global and community footprint and how we might create a project to impact change.



Literacy/Numeracy:

Our beginning Literacy unit, which we hope has been the talk of your family dinner table, is Fairy tales and Fractured Fairy tales. It has been wonderful to share the traditional stories as well as the twisted versions. We have threaded this theme through our Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry. You could come in and check out our writing, dioramas, castle and art work.

New Zealand Read Aloud: In Week 4 we will be starting our third book of the year, continuing to connect with lots of classes around NZ. We had so much fun connecting with the author, building shelters, hats and flying machines last term, that we can't wait to see what's next!

We are continuing our DMIC approach to Numeracy and at the moment we are exploring problems our fairy tale characters might encounter.

Religious Education:

This term our focus is on the 'God' and 'Communion of Saints' strands. We will develop understandings that:

- God has given us gifts. We need to appreciate and use these gifts.
- We are part of God's kingdom and we want to be people who, with our faith, can share this to build our kingdom - worldwide.
- Saints and ordinary people are gifts that inspire us to be more like God.
- Saints are global treasures (finding out about Saints from around the world).

Sport:

Our team PE focus will be on Cross Country and Swimming. Swimming starts in Week 7, so get your togs ready!

Sports available to the Year 3&4's this term are:

Sport	Teacher in Charge
Hockey	Mr Wallace
Basketball	Mr Wallace





PE Gear:

Can you please help your child remember to have their PE gear on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are trying to help them be good at remembering, especially when we are running long distance. Sneakers are a good idea to support feet/legs and keep toes warm!



Mass:

On Wednesday 7th August we will be holding a Mission Whanau Mass in the school chapel. Everyone is welcome to join us.

On Sunday 18th August we have a school Mass at St Patrick's Church. We would love to see all our children and families. Please wear school uniform.

First Holy Communion:

On Sunday 8th September we have a group of children receiving their First Holy Communion. We congratulate you on this step in your faith journey and look forward to celebrating with you.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our student led conferences. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their learning and goals with you. Ngā mihi.



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

