



## **Mission Whanau Newsletter** **Term 4 2019**



Last term!! And it's going to be a busy one!

### **Taonga:**

Our overarching theme for the year is Taonga (special gifts/treasures). This term we are thinking about how "God calls each of us to be a treasure to the world". We will integrate this learning in lots of ways throughout the term. We will think about our own talents and how we share these. We will also consider how we take these talents into the world to make a difference and share the word of God.

### **Literacy/Numeracy:**

We are starting Literacy this term with a short film focus. We are examining the features of a short film and how the messages have to be conveyed in a very short time. Ask your child about the films they have seen so far!

**Building Relationships Read Aloud:** In Week 4 we will be starting a unit of work with our Year 0-4's. The theme this year will be 'Robots'. The year 2-4's will be reading 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown and the Year 0-1's will be reading picture books with a robot focus. This is a great opportunity for the Year 2's to become familiar with how we work and for the Year 3&4's to step up as leaders! As there will be lots of robot making, we would appreciate you keeping recycling etc that may be useful.

We are continuing our DMIC approach to Numeracy and at the moment we are exploring Fractions and will be moving into Algebra.



### **Religious Education:**

**God calls each of us to be a treasure to the World:** Christian stewards are called to be the rich soil described in Jesus' parable of the Sower, so that what God has planted in us may grow and bear fruit. When we respond to what God does in and for us with a good, generous and prayerful heart, we will bear much fruit (treasure)!

This term our focus is on the 'Jesus' strand and celebrating Advent. We will develop understandings that:

- Jesus is a model for all Christians.
- People who believe in Jesus (Hehu) through the grace of the Holy Spirit Te Wairua Tapu are invited into a loving relationship with Jesus.
- We need to follow Jesus as the disciples did and live with faith, hope, charity, justice, integrity and aroha.
- Jesus Christ, the risen Lord, is present today in people, the world, and in the Church, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

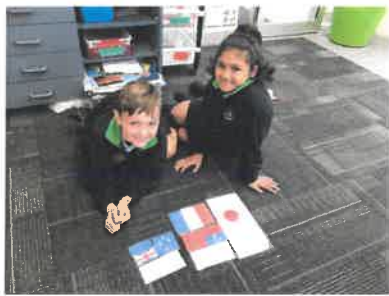
### **Sport:**

Our team PE focus will be on gross motor skills/large ball/equipment relays and games. We want to continue to build teamwork skills as well as fitness levels and skills.



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

Sport	Teacher in Charge
Summer Hockey	Miss Hewett
Netball	Miss Hewett
Basketball	Mrs McEwan
Cricket	Mr Wypych



**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. Sneakers are a good idea to keep the bee stings away!

**Summer Uniform:**

Dust off the hats as they will be needed after the long weekend. They can wear sandals from now on. Please name all hats and sandals also. We have white markers at school if needed.

**Homework:**

Can you please also help your child to have their homework books at school on the right days. We like this to be consistent so your child is organised with notes and home tasks.

**End of Year Trip:**

This will take place on the 6th December and we will need parent helpers again for transportation and group supervision. A further letter will come out about this but you may wish to book the day. We are going to visit the Faraday Centre and play at the Marine Parade Park/Scooter Park in the morning and have a swim at Ocean Spa in the afternoon.

**Term Dates:**

- 28th Nov: Parent Helper's Morning Tea
- 6th Dec: End of Year Trip
- 11th Dec: Whanau Prizegiving in School Hall
- 18th Dec: End of Year School Mass/Liturgy
- 19th Dec: Last day of school

Don't forget to send your robot friendly recycling into school soon! (Eg: Boxes, containers, tins, buttons, lids, tubes, nuts/bolts etc)  
 Thank you for your on-going support this year.  
 Ngā mihi.



**Crystal Hewett, Julie Kelleher, Pip Draeger and Nadine McEwan**



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

