

Angel Whanau News

Term 4, 2019



Fire Station Visit



Welcome back to another busy term. We started the first week with a visit to the Fire Station and our first swimming lessons. The trip to the station was a great way to continue our Fire Wise learning from last term and we thank the team at the Napier Station for their time. The children have had a fantastic start and settled so well into school life, even with two days of torrential rain.

Important dates this term:

- **Swimming:** Friday 18 October - Wednesday 13 November
- **Labour Weekend:** Friday 25 October - Monday 28 October
- **Parent/Helpers morning tea:** Thursday 28 November, 10.30am
- **Junior Fun Day (details to come):** Thursday 5 December
- **End of Year Prizegiving (time to be confirmed):** Wednesday 11 December
- **End of Year reports home:** Monday 16 December
- **End of Year Mass:** Wednesday 18 December, 9.30, St Patrick's Church
- **Last day of school:** Thursday 19 December, 12.30 finish

Under our **Inquiry topic of Taonga**, this term we are building an understanding of how God calls each of us to be a treasure to the World. This learning will be supported across the curriculum in all learning areas and especially within the children's play.

Religious Education

In class we will be learning that **Jesus showed his love in different ways.**

- What Jesus did when he lived on earth he continues to do today with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- We get to know Jesus through the bible stories.
- Jesus showed love and respect for the tapu of people in different ways: talking, listening, sharing meals, touching, healing and showing he cared for them. Jesus wants us to be like this.

Maths

As a school we continue to see some excellent student engagement and progress as we develop our DMIC (Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities) programme. Students are building across curriculum skills as they learn to question, explain, and justify their thinking. This term we will focus on multiplication, division, fractions and revising our earlier addition and subtraction learning. Strand concepts including, patterning, money and measurement will also be covered.

Literacy

Our Literacy programme continues to be a great way to integrate many learning areas. This term the Year 2 children will join the Mission Whanau to share in a literacy programme about robots. It is also a transition time for students to get to know the teachers working in this Whanau. The Year 1 students will work together on a similar programme. Some children are continuing to read with another teacher in Angel Whānau, to ensure that they are receiving instructional lessons with children of a similar level.

Physical Education

We start this term with swimming. Timetables went home last term and the children should pack a coat and their jersey on days when the weather is uncertain. For the remainder of the term we will be playing fun Summer games.

We have a number of children who are involved in sports this term, including; basketball, netball, hockey and tee-ball. This is a fantastic way for them to put the fundamental skills we have learnt throughout the year into practise. We thank Ms Macdonald for her fantastic organisation of this and the many parents/caregivers who have offered their help to coach.

Reminders:

- ❖ No Hat, No Play: From Monday 4 November the children must have their hat to play outside. These can be purchased from the school office for \$10.
- ❖ Starting our day: Children arriving before 8.20am must wait around by the staffroom. Children can enter the bag room and classroom **from 8.20am** when the first bell rings. These are school rules to ensure the safety of your child as teachers are preparing for the day. You may want to consider Afcare if you need to drop your child at school before 8.20am. **School starts at 8.45am**, being on time sets your child up for a great day of learning!
- ❖ Take it Home Fridays: We will be continuing this again this term. All children will take home litter from their lunch boxes each Fridays as bins will not be available at school. You can support this initiative by using small containers and reusable wraps.
- ❖ Please check **all** of your child's uniform is named, this includes sandals. This is especially important with our regular swimming sessions this term.

Ngā mihi nui

Fa'afetai

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