



JUNIOR SYNDICATE Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is great to be back with your delightful tamariki after the holiday break. We have had a positive start to Term 3 and give a special welcome to all our new families. We have a lot of new faces in our syndicate, including many New Entrants who have recently started school in the Fantail and Tui Rooms.

A warm welcome also to Jana Maguire, teaching in the Tui Room.

Our major curriculum focus for this term is Health. We will be participating in the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme and look forward to visits from Constable Marcus and Constable Hamish.

Classes will also be learning construction techniques that they will apply when creating a time capsule for Technology. Please continue to support your child to collect and bring to school any recycled materials that could be used for this construction.

Please take time to call in to your child's classroom before or after school and talk to them about their work. Keep in touch, we teachers try to be readily available to answer any questions you may have. Open communication benefits us all.

Kind regards,

Mel, Simone, Peg, Tracy, Jo, Jana, Finn, Carolyn, Donna, Sabine and Natalie.



New Entrant children who have started in the Fantail and Tui Rooms.



Children from Room 16 and Room 13 buddy reading.



Term 3 2020



Keeping Ourselves Safe

Our Term 3 Health focus is on personal safety. We will be working through a programme called 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. During the study from weeks 4 to 8, your child will bring home a homework book to fill in most days with you. This is a valuable time to discuss how your family keep safe and is also an opportunity to support your child with their learning from in class that day.

Digital Technology

During this topic the children will be increasing their understanding of the role digital devices play in their everyday lives. They will also develop their Computational Thinking skills and increase their awareness of digital safety.



Jack and Harry with their homework books for our 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' topic



Dates for your Diary

- Junior Assembly Friday in the school hall from 9:00-9:30am. All welcome
- 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme – parent information evening Wednesday 29th July 7pm
- New Parents morning tea in the staffroom Friday 21st August 9.30-10.00am
- Daffodil Day – Please wear something yellow and bring a gold coin - Friday 28th August
- Folk Dancing display for Whanau – Tuesday 1st September 2pm
- School Photos - Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th September
- Marble Week 21st-25th September
- ***Please return all black portfolio books as soon as possible, complete with your child's work samples.***





Save the Date!!! Grandparents' Assembly Term 4

Friday 13th November- (Christchurch Show weekend)



Physical Education

Every Thursday, the children enjoy participating in a Gymnastics circuit in the hall. They explore different equipment and activities to develop a range of skills including balancing, springing, rolling and swinging. The other four days of the week they are enjoying Folk Dancing. Please ensure your child wears suitable footwear to school to enable them to get the most out of our Gymnastics and Folk Dancing sessions. Gumboots are unsuitable as are tights worn under skorts (on Gymnastics days).



Room 16 children
having fun with
Gymnastics and
Marimba





Folk Dancing Fun!

What We Are Studying this Term

Values	Integrity and Respect
Oral Language	Talking to share ideas and information Listening to evaluate ideas and form opinions
Written Language	Recount, Letter writing, Character Description, Writing Instructions/Procedural Writing
Reading	Comprehension Strategy: <i>Inferring</i>
Mathematics	Number, Fractions, Measurement topics, Geometry
Physical Education	Folk Dance, Gymnastics, Athletics (end of term)
Digital Technology	Computational Thinking
Technology/Visual Art	Construction of a Time Capsule
Music	Marimba
Te Reo	Mihi, Greetings, Feelings, Waiata, Days, Numbers, introducing themselves
Health	Keeping Ourselves Safe and Digital Safety

