

# Piwakawaka Newsletter

Term 3, 2019

Year 3 & 4 Students



**Welcome back to Term 3 and a special welcome to our new families who have recently started with us in our Year 3 & 4 classes.**

## Learning Celebration "Ko Tatou Tenei" (This is Us!)



We are starting Term 3 with a build up to our Learning Celebration to share all the amazing things we found out last term about early and local New Zealanders who help make our country great. We have also incorporated 'The Arts' and have some dance, drama, and music performances to share with a NZ theme. **We are asking Piwakawaka Team to please provide the food for supper for the evening. Look out next week for a note regarding this.**

## Term 3 Topic



Discovery within the "Living World" is our Science topic this term. We will be focusing on Questioning and working collaboratively to investigate living things. Feel free to send along collections of interest ☺. We are heading to Orana Park to ignite and explore our topic at the start of Week 4. The cost will be approximately \$10 per student and \$10 per parent help. Further details and a permission slip are being sent home this week.

## Literacy Programmes



Expect to see reading material this term that helps support learning about living things. We encourage you to question your child around the texts they are reading and look for key words and ideas. Our Writing programmes will also explore the students interests in all things living.

## Maths Programmes



We are starting our term with a Geometry topic to teach concepts about shapes and the language associated with early Geometry. We will also be consolidating Addition and Subtraction learning and starting a Multiplication and Division topic later in the term.

## Home Learning



Along with daily reading, we will provide spelling and basic facts options this term. There will be optional extras that we encourage your child to try. **Please ensure Home Learning Books are at school daily!**



Let us know if you have any questions, concerns or positives to share about your child. Contact us via email or Seesaw, or for urgent matters, please ring the School Office for a message to be passed onto us. Mid-term, we would like to invite you in to view our classroom programmes in action. Further information will come out in a few weeks.

*Nga Mihi*

Sue, Rosie, Jackie, Hannah & Kelsie

## Term 3 Events



- **Learning Celebration**  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 6pm
- **Orana Park Team Trip**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August
- **Whole School Ski Days**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August &  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September
- **Yr 4-6 Friday Snow Sports**  
Starts Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August
- **Whanau Hui & School Assemblies**  
Start Week 4
- **Rugby World Cup Day**  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

## MPS STARS



Our **Responsible Star** is the school-wide focus this term. Our Classroom focus will be around students taking responsibility for working towards and meeting their learning goals.



## Reminders



- \*Please name all belongings
- \*We ask for wet/muddy shoes to be left outside of rooms, easily fastened shoes would be appreciated
- \*Gumboots & Slippers are welcome this term
- \* Please get in touch if you are keen to join us as a regular Parent Help.