

Tuesday 27th July, 2021

Term 3, Week 1

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Living Rural, Learning Locally, Thinking Global

To be the best we can be: Kind, Brave, Respectful and Honest



Welcome to term 3, can you believe we are halfway through the year. Crazy how fast time flies. We all understand at this time of year that you are busy with calves and lambs. If there is anything we can do to make life easier please let us know. We are all in this together. Our teachers have been extremely busy in their non-contact time to plan and organise some great learning opportunities for your tamariki. Have a read of your child's class letter, there is more information in there.

Whaea Arista:

This term Pīwakawaka are fortunate to have Arista a third year Waikato University student from Te Kuiti. We are looking forward to her becoming part of the Ngutunui team. I know she will learn a lot during her time here, as well as the tamariki will learn a lot from her as well.

Wednesday Lunch:

This term we will be having lunches every week beginning next Wednesday. Please let me know if you can pop down and give me a hand in the kitchen. It is a lot of fun. I have sent home the list for the term, please fill it in and return it to me as soon as possible.

Teacher Only Day:

This term we will be having two teacher only days to work on assessment and planning for the next few years at Ngutunui. Please check the Term 3 dates that I have added to the bottom of this newsletter. I will be updating it as dates come up. Please keep a close eye on it. First one is next **MONDAY 2nd AUGUST**. The second one is **Monday 13th September**. As part of the negotiations that the union fought for a couple of years ago was to help reduce the workload on teachers, every school was entitled to 11 teacher only days. These end at the end of this year. Ngutunui have only take three. So unfortunately we will lose out on these extra days, this is also one of the reasons we are taking two this term.

Matariki Showcase:

A huge thank you to all who came and watched the matariki showcase on the last day of term 2. What a fantastic turn out, the tamariki were so excited about what they had learnt and were very keen to show off their art work and singing.

Welcome Renee:

End of last term Jaimee who was our van driver took up a farming job and were are lucky enough to have Renee come back and take on the position. We are very fortunate to have our van and it is great to see that it is getting used every day.

Parking:

There was another bad accident outside our school last Saturday afternoon, we were lucky it was school break and no one from the school was injured. Just a friendly reminder that using the far carpark is safer to pick up and drop your children off.

Ngā mihi

Cleonie Whyte

Principal

Term Dates 2021

Term 3 – Monday 26th July – Friday 1st October

Term 4 – Monday 18th October – Wednesday 15th December

Practise Kindness.

There are both physical and mental benefits to practicing kindness. The nerve running from our brains to our heart is called the vagus nerve. The vagus nerve is the longest nerve in the body. It wraps around all the major organs as well as connecting the heart and the brain.

When we are kind, the vagus nerve sends soothing signals throughout our body that tell us that we are safe and grounded and loved. Thus, actions and words of kindness cycle back and reinforce the goodness of being kind, reinforcing the physical health and emotional benefits of mindfulness and kindness practice.

Term 3 Dates:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
One 26th – 30 th July			Flying Start		
Two 2-6 Aug	Teacher Only Day		Lunches Tuna Pasta Bake Flying Start		
Three 9-13 August			Lunches Pies Flying Start BOT Hui 6.30pm		School Cross Country – 2pm
Four 16-20 August			Lunches Sausages and Potato Bake Flying Start		Scholastic Book Order due back Lower Waipa Cross Country
Five 23-27 August	Book Week		Lunches Macaroni and Cheese Flying Start	Book fair and speech night 5.30 – 6.30 Books 6.30pm Speeches	Come dressed as your favourite book character
Six 30th Aug - 3rd Sept			Lunches Lasagne Flying Start	Lower Waipa Speech Finals	
Seven 6-10 Sept	4-12 Sept Conservation Week		Lunches Vegetable Soup and a bun Flying Start		

Eight 13-17 Sept	Teacher Only Day		Lunches American Hotdogs Flying Start BOT Hui 6.30pm	
Nine 20-24 Sept			Lunches Spaghetti Bolognaise Flying Start	Grandparents Celebration – 11am - 12.40pm
Ten 27 Sept - 1 Oct			Lunches Mince and Pasta Flying Start	Last day of Term

Photos taken from our Rock Climbing trip on the last Thursday last term.

