

Team Tui Newsletter

Term 4
2019



Welcome to Term 4

Tena koutou families and welcome back to Term 4. We hope you enjoyed time together during the holiday break and took advantage of the beautiful weather while it lasted. We are all looking forward to this term.

What's planned for Term 4

Team Tui teachers have planned a full and exciting term and are looking forward to all of the opportunities that will be available for students to engage and progress in their learning. Teacher and student collaboration continues in Literacy, Inquiry and Mathematics. Our Inquiry for this term is all about 'Confident Consumers' which will allow students to explore and dig deeper into the many factors that influence our decisions as consumers. Students will learn how to use this knowledge to become confident consumers.

Assessment of learning will continue during the term to inform teachers of student progress, for goal setting, and for end of year reports. End of year reports will go home on the last day of term.

We are looking forward to warmer weather and hope to take full advantage of it at our upcoming Athletics Day and Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) in Week 8.

EOTC

We are excited for E.O.T.C with Birkenhead Leisure Centre on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December. Should you require a copy of the newsletter with the details, please ask at the school office. Thank you to those who have paid and returned their permission slips to the office. Thanks also to those who have offered parent help. We now have enough help for Friday, but are still seeking parent help for Thursday. Thank you, we appreciate your support.

Athletics

We will be practising for our athletics day events ready for the senior competition day on the 18th November. Sprints, high jump, long jump, discus and shotput will take place from 9am on Monday the 18th. The sprint finals will take place on Wednesday the 19th in the afternoon. More detailed information about the day will further will come home prior to the date.

We ask that our students come to school dressed appropriately each day, so we can take advantage of the fine weather to practise regularly.

Leadership & Monitors

We are very proud of the students for demonstrating leadership and responsibility through their monitor roles throughout the year. They have done an excellent job and we hope to see this commitment continue until the end of this term. The date for Monitors Day is yet to be confirmed.

Dates to Remember

- PhotoLife Class Photos 4th November
- School Disco 15th November
- Athletics Day 18th November
- Team Tui Assembly 22nd November
- EOTC 5th & 6th December
- Year 6 Graduation & Prizegiving Monday 9th December 11am
- Last day of Term 4 - 18th December at midday. Reports home.

Seesaw

It has been rewarding to see so many families connected to Seesaw and keeping in touch during the school year. We encourage students to make regular posts about their learning and hope you enjoy seeing their chosen posts.

Belongings and Hats

This term we ask all students to wear a sunhat when outside. A large amount of clothing and belongings were unclaimed and sent to lost property at the end of Term 3. We encourage the naming of all belongings. They can be reunited with the owner if they are named.

Communication

Communication with us about your child's learning and well-being continues to be important to us in Team Tui. We appreciate talking and working in partnership with you. It is best to contact your child's homeclass teacher in the first instance either by email or personal contact.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and productive term.

Kia Ora
Jane Brown, Sally Kim, Heidi Fegan

<p>Curriculum</p> <p>Collaboration of Teaching and Learning In Term 4, we will continue to work collaboratively together in Literacy, Inquiry and Mathematics. For Reading and Mathematics, students are grouped according to assessment of their learning needs. Using a rotation of teachers means that the students will be learning with all Team Tui teachers with the advantage of a range of teaching strengths, passions and strategies. We work as a team for fitness, sports and singing, allowing many opportunities for engagement with others in learning and socially in a variety of contexts.</p> <p>Student Agency Developing the ability of our learners to become increasingly independent and responsible for their own learning to progress and achieve goals has been an ongoing focus this year. We have seen great progress and are proud of their efforts to become more confident, capable and effective learners.</p> <p>Literacy Reading groups and teacher instruction will continue until towards the end of the term. As well as teaching groups, students also have independent tasks which include comprehension, spelling, independent reading, and literacy and language development. A reading planner is used to manage time and task achievement of independent learning activities.</p>	<p>Numeracy Our focus for the first few weeks of this term has been completing teaching and learning from Term 3 with our groups in Proportions and Ratios. In Weeks 6 to 7, we will be running strategy, knowledge and strand workshops. We are excited to provide this opportunity for the students to book in to workshops according to their learning needs.</p> <p>Inquiry This term we will be exploring what makes a responsible consumer. We will start with questioning and research based around how we consume items in our own lives, what we choose to buy and why. Students will be encouraged to think about the factors that are at play when purchasing something. Being aware of these influences and how it affects our financial decisions will allow students to be responsible and confident consumers.</p>	<p>Other Curriculum Areas In the area of Physical Education, we have daily fitness along with a weekly block for sports rotation - students participate in a range of activities to develop their knowledge, skills and attitudes in a range of physical activities. This term the students will also participate in Athletics and Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC).</p> <p>In Digital Technology, we will continue to develop digital citizenship; skills in the use of Google docs, forms and slides; digital skills in i-movies, and coding skills with the use of Code Avengers.</p> <p>Music lessons will continue to be taught by Mrs Lewis, Dance/Drama and Visual Art are integrated and a part of our weekly timetable.</p> <p>Home Learning You can support your child's learning at home everyday in the following ways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regular reading (let your child choose) a book/comic/magazine etc OR use technology; Books online, Kindle, Reading Eggs (as long as it's fun!) ● Practise of basic facts including learning the time tables (get the whole family involved and support each other) ● Writing for meaning, e.g. diary entries, a journal, narratives, entering competitions etc <p>There are many things that you can do to promote learning. Make it real and fun too!</p>
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Our School Values

- Respect
- Kindness
- Integrity
- Resilience

NZ Curriculum Key Competencies

- Thinking
- Using language symbols and text
- Managing self
- Relating to others
- Participating and contributing

The Windy Ridge Active Learner Profile

We are:

- Active Learners
- Collaborative
- Creative & Critical
- Digitally Fluent
- Engaged Citizens



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