

Team Tui Newsletter

Term 3 Update

Week 5

2020



Welcome

Tena Koutou families,
Firstly, we send our thoughts to all of our students and families following the sudden announcement of Level 3 lockdown last Monday evening. It certainly has been a year of the unknown with the worldwide pandemic Covid-19 seeing our country go into Level 4 lockdown in March, and now we find ourselves facing a Level 3 lockdown once again.

As we are currently unsure of how this will eventuate, we can only continue to plan and prepare for the events and programmes that were on our calendar, and keep you updated as we know more.

Tui's Learning Programme

This term, we were able to hit the ground running with our collaborative and student focused programmes. A key focus is developing active learners who have control over their learning. Each week our students are given a timetable to plan for their week. Many of you will have seen these at the student led conference. This timetable allows them to plan their own learning and achievement, with control over how they learn, what they learn and when they will do their planned learning.

There are a number of planned requirements that need to be met each week which include Goal Setting and Reflections; Attending Reading and Numeracy workshops and completing follow ups from these; Sustained Reading, Basic fact practise, Goal practise; and Spelling. There are opportunities for passion learning, Inquiries, and learning through play. We want our learners to be passionate about what they do and have opportunities to be creative and critical.

Positive Puberty

Nest Consulting delivered a very educational and age appropriate programme to our Year 5 and 6 students in Week One. The children really enjoyed their learning and were encouraged to have conversations with their adults at home after the programme. We hope this was helpful in supporting your child to talk and learn more at home.

Student Led Conferences

We were so impressed with the success of our conferences and how well our learners could talk about and share their learning with their families. We thank you for supporting your child and making this a positive experience for them. It was wonderful to see how well you engaged with your children and we trust that you enjoyed hearing directly from them about their achievements and progress.

Term 3 Dates to Remember (all pending further notice)

- Dance with Johnny - weeks 2-7
- Glenfield Intermediate School 'Have a Go Day' - 13 August (Cancelled until further notice)
- Camp Parent Information evening Thursday 27 August
- Sausage Sizzle Camp Fundraisers Dates
 - Saturday 17th October at school outside the polling booth/hall
 - Friday lunch times at school, 11th September, 25th September

Keeping Ourselves Safe

We are currently delivering the Police Education programme 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. This programme has specific lessons around safety in a variety of situations and aims to develop confidence, understanding and actions that will ensure children can identify and seek help should they need to.

Dance

Our first two lessons with dance instructor Johnny Williams have been fun, fast paced and very successful in preparation for the dance competition. This was on our calendar for Week 7 of this term. However, due to Level 3 lockdown, we will update you as to the future date that the competition will take place.

<p>Camp in Term 4 - We are well underway with our planning. Our fundraising continues with sausage sizzles and we thank our parents for their time and support with these. We will be having a Parent Information Evening on Thursday 27 August 6:30 - 7:30pm with a slideshow presentation and we encourage all parents to attend this evening if possible.</p> <p>There are a number of forms that will be sent out as soon possible including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Payment and permission slip - Health profile - Etap student profile - Gear list <p>Camp Talent Quest Our students were excited to hear that we are having our much loved camp talent quest. Some have already begun planning and practising for their item. Participation is optional and the quest will take place on the Thursday evening of camp.</p>	<p>Communication We welcome your communication. Contacting your child's homeclass teacher in the first instance is encouraged either by email or personal contact.</p> <p>Seesaw and Remote Learning During Level 3 lockdown, Seesaw will be the schoolwide forum that will be used for remote learning. From Monday 17 August, we will begin posting learning activities for your child to access.</p> <p>Your child will have their own log-in details to access learning and to upload photos, videos, documents and drawings. We look forward to seeing what they are doing at home and will be able to respond and comment on their posts.</p> <p>Please contact your child's home class teacher if you need help or to get a new log-in.</p> <p>Zoom Meetings We will meet via Zoom and will send you an update with the details on Seesaw.</p>	<p>Kia Kaha, Kia Atawhai, Manaakitanga Again we would like you to know that we are thinking of you during this unknown time. Our key focus is that of well-being for everyone.</p> <p>We would like to emphasise that whilst remote learning opportunities are available through Seesaw, there is no pressure or expected requirements for engagement, as we are aware that all situations will be different. Most importantly, we encourage you to maintain a sense of calm, kindness and safety for your family.</p> <p>We are here to support you and your child as much as possible and encourage you to contact us with confidence. You can message us through Seesaw, or send us an email.</p> <p>We will be in touch through Seesaw</p> <p>Take care, be kind and stay safe Team Tui Teachers</p>
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<p>Our School Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Respect ● Kindness ● Integrity ● Resilience <p>NZ Curriculum Key Competencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thinking ● Using language symbols and text ● Managing self ● Relating to others ● Participating and contributing 	<p>The Windy Ridge Active Learner Profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Active Learners ● Collaborative ● Creative & Critical ● Digitally Fluent ● Engaged Citizens 	<p>Team Tui Teachers Heidi Fegan Room 13 hfeagan@windyridge.school.nz</p> <p>Jane Brown (Team Leader) Room 14 jbrown@windyridge.school.nz</p> <p>Sally Kim Room 15 skim@windyridge.school.nz</p>
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