

October 2020 Falcon Term 4 Newsletter

Tena koutou katoa
Hello Everyone

Term Overview

Welcome back to Team Falcon, Mrs Turner who will be working in Room 9 Mon-Wed with Mrs Ogden, Thur & Fri.

We have a jam packed and exciting Term 4 coming up. Our STEAM lessons will continue on from last term. There will be an Education Outside the Classroom day onsite at school (date tba). We are lucky to have the Kaipatiki Trust Play Programme in our school every Wednesday and training for the Fun run happening. We also have an Athletics day. Remember Calendar Art orders need to be done by 19th Oct. Photoday will be on October 12th - first day back.

For the first four weeks of the term we have students from AUT working with us too.



Kaipatiki Equipment Wednesday

We are participating in a programme provided by the Kaipatiki Community Trust on Wednesdays between 11am and 12pm this term. The equipment based programme's purpose is to build collaboration, problem solving, creativity and strong relationships skills in students. The students will attend the session in groups of about 20 so by the end of the term all children will have had at least one opportunity to participate in this programme.

Athletics

On Wednesdays we will be starting to train for athletics. Activities will include running, jumping and throwing. Please support your children in wearing appropriate shoes and sporty clothes.



Term 4 means hot sunny days. All children are required to have a sunhat for any time they are outside. Children without sun hats will be asked to stay in the shade and they will miss out on play. Please apply sunscreen to your child before school. Please name all clothes and shoes especially items often taken off throughout the school day.

Lunchboxes and Drink Bottles

With Auckland still on a water shortage children need to bring their own **named** water bottle to school each day. They can refill it from a tap in the classroom.



Our school is an enviro school, and so we encourage you as much as possible to send a litterless lunch. This can be done by having reusable containers for your child's snacks and sandwiches. Any rubbish will be sent back with your child in their lunch box.

Personal Items and Toys

Please ensure personal toys are left at home. In turn, if you see any unfamiliar toys at your house, can you please check with your child and return them to school if it is in fact a school toy.

Moving to Level 1

Moving to Level 1 we will be continuing to encourage the children to wash their hands before eating and using hand sanitiser.

We will recommence our Team and Full school assemblies.

Full school assembly is on Friday (even weeks) at 9:45am. Parents will be welcome to attend.



Communication

Seesaw is one way that we share your child's learning with you. It is a digital portfolio of some examples of your child's work. This term we will be focusing on the children commenting and writing a short paragraph on the photo or video that they are posting.

Please feel free to contact us if there is a question or situation you would like to discuss. Open lines of communication between the parent, learner and teachers are vital to us and help us in promoting a positive learning experience for everyone. If the matter requires more time we recommend making an appointment. **The Whanau teacher will always be the first port of call.**

Another way you can help is, if you have spare time in the week and would like to join us in our learning hub please speak to one of the teachers.

We would love help with teaching children board games and card games. We would appreciate your time and support.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child.



Late Arrival / Early Pickups

If your child has arrived after 8:55am please report to the office to collect a **yellow card**.

If you are picking your child up before 3:00pm, please report to the office before collecting your child. You will be given an **orange slip** to confirm you are taking your child early.



Learning in Team Falcon

Schools Values and NZ Key Competencies

Our Values are	NZ Key Competencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Respect● Kindness● Integrity● Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thinking● Using language symbols and text● Managing self● Relating to others● Participating and contribution

Active Learner Profile

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



Visible Learning & Goal Setting

The children are continuing to use the progression sheets in the front of their books this term. We will also be revisiting the Goal setting sheets that were done last term. We want the learning to be visible to our students so that they are partners in the learning process. Students know what and why they are learning and they co-construct what success looks like for each learning situation.



Term Ahead:

- Mon 12 Oct - Photolife Class Photos
- Thurs 15 Oct - National Shakeout Day
- Fri 16 Oct - Pink Shirt Day
- Mon 26 Oct - Labour Day Holiday
- Tues 27 & Wed 28 Oct - Teacher Only Days
- EOTC Day - TBC
- Tues 3 Nov - School Fun Colour Run
- Mon 16 Nov - School Athletics Day
- Cluster Athletics (Yr 4s) - Nov 24
- ESOL celebration & Shared Lunch - TBC
- Prizegiving Assembly - TBC
- Tues 15 Dec Last Day of School

STEAM/Inquiry

As a part of our Inquiry we will be doing mini STEAM projects where the children will be focusing on:

- thinking outside the box
- feeling safe to express innovative and creative ideas
- feeling comfortable doing hands-on learning
- taking ownership over their learning
- working collaboratively with others
- understanding the ways that science, maths, the arts, and technology work together
- becoming increasingly curious about the world around them and feel empowered to change it for the better.

Donations/ Recyclable materials

Donations of the following *clean* recyclable materials are always welcome. Please take to Room 12.

- Small hammers, screws, nuts, bolts
- Egg cartons
- Plastic/metal bottle caps
- Squeeze Yoghurt caps
- Ribbon, wool, string
- Shells, Feathers
- Buttons, Counters
- Cardboard boxes, tubes
- Stickers
- Paper plates, Paper cups
- Incomplete board games, Complete board games
- Plastic piping
- Old sheets, Fabric
- Old clothes (dress ups)

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