

TUI NEWSLETTER: Term Four, 2017

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

We hope you had an enjoyable school holiday. Term 3 was a rewarding time; we celebrated the long outstanding service that Liz Millar has provided Ngaio in her tenure as Principal, delved into biosecurity and ecology in science and explored different cultures around the world. Athletics programmes were also in full swing at the end of the term and we all experienced the voting process around the general elections.

As is always the case in Term Four for Tui, things will become very busy as with the continuation of the School Athletics programme until our Senior Athletics Day on Monday the 30th of October, with a new venue at Nairnville Park. Assessments are also to be completed, and we will begin practising for our big end of year events; including the special Year 5 farewell assembly, to the Year 6s, and the Year 6 Graduation. We also have the pleasure of welcoming our new Principal Raewyn Watson at our Powhiri at the end of Week 2. We look forward to working alongside Raewyn to continue the great work that Ngaio is doing.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Week 1	Monday - Wednesday 16 -18 Oct Thursday and Friday 19- 20 Oct	Room 6/ Room 7/ Room 19 Bike Days Room 9 Group One Bikewise
Week 2	Monday and Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday 25-26 Oct Friday 27th October	School Closed for Labour Weekend Room 9 Group Two Bikewise Whakatau to welcome new students and families and our new Principal
Week 3	Monday 30th October Tuesday 31st and Wednesday 1st Nov Thursday and Friday 2-3 Nov Friday 3rd November	Senior School Athletics Day- Nairnville Park Room 10 Group 3 Bikewise Room 10 Group 4 Bikewise Postponement for Athletics- Ngaio School
Week 4	Tuesday and Wednesday 7-8 Nov	Room 10 Group 5 Bikewise
Week 5	Wednesday 15th November Friday 17th of November	Final Year 6 Trip to Raroa Road Patrol Training
Week 6	22nd and 23rd November	Year 6 Puberty programmes
Week 8	Thursday 7th December Friday 8th December	STRIVE Assembly 1:30pm Music Concert
Week 10	Monday 18th December Tuesday 19th December Tuesday 19th December Wednesday 20th December	Y5 Meet the 2018 teacher Reports go home Year 6 Graduation at Onslow College Final day of school Year 5 farewell assembly to Year 6 Final school assembly

SYNDICATE ASSEMBLIES and WAIATA:

Syndicate Assemblies will continue to be held most Fridays at 12pm. At 2.15pm we have Waiata with our Te Reo teacher Alwyn Rees. Parents and families are welcome to attend both Syndicate Assemblies and Waiata. Students are encouraged to invite you to the assembly if they are presenting.

STRIVE HOMEWORK:

A reminder that students have until the end of Week 6 (Friday 24th November) to complete their Strive Challenge for this year. Students should bring their booklets to be signed off after morning tea (10:50am) on Fridays. Students need to show 'evidence' in the form of a journal or reflection – please refer to the information on the back of the Strive Challenge Booklet. This does not have to be a long essay, but should be well considered. Its value is that students reflect on their learning and as such, is an important part of the challenge. Students in Year 6 need to have nine challenges completed, reflected upon and signed off, to be on track to complete the required number of challenges. Year 5 students are required to complete eight challenges. We will have a special Strive Assembly to celebrate these achievements on Thursday the 7th of December.

Please note that if a STRIVE Challenge booklet is lost, they can see Mr Mackie for a replacement booklet.

ICAS EXAMS:

We are extremely proud of the success of our students this year in ICAS writing, science and reading and the high levels of participation across Tui. The results of the final examination, maths, have just arrived and will be handed out at the end of Week 1.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND LEADERSHIP:

As always, Term Four events require all Tui students to 'step up' and we continue to have high expectations for them as leaders and role models of the school.

Student Leaders are continuing various pieces of work within the school.

Selected Year 5 students will be receiving Road Patrol training on Friday the 17 of November in view to doing this important job in 2018.

ABSENCES/ LATENESS:

When emailing the school to notify of your child's absence please email it to absences@ngaio.school.nz as well as including the teacher's email address. Often teachers clear their emails at a later stage due to illness or courses, therefore emailing absences@ngaio.school.nz ensures that all office staff can get your message.

Communication:

Your child's teacher is your first port of call for communication; please contact them in the first instance with any inquiries appropriate to your child's learning or behaviour. Communication can be in the form of an email or face to face.

Hats:

Just a reminder that we are a "sunsmart" school. During Term Four all students are to wear hats during outside class and break times. It would be appreciated that if you are in the school visiting for a sustained time frame that you also model hat wearing for the children, e.g. Athletics Day. While sunscreen is provided in class, it may also be useful for children to have their own small sunblock in their bag as well.

LEARNING PROGRAMMES:**Year 6 "Positive Puberty":**

Jon, Liz and Sophia will be teaching Year 6 children "Positive Puberty" on Wednesday 22nd of November, for a whole day, and the morning of Thursday the 23rd of November. The learning outcomes of these days will enable the students to work towards the achievement objectives of *Health and Physical Education in the New Zealand Curriculum*.

These days will provide the students with basic knowledge, understandings, and skills to develop positive attitudes towards the changes that they will experience during puberty.

They will learn about:

- The physical, mental and emotional, social growth and development that occurs, and the new needs that arise during puberty (boys and girls)
- Physiological changes - what is happening
- Their own feelings

We will be sending a further letter out to parents regarding this topic later in the term.

Writing:

Students will look at writing for a variety of audiences and purposes, across the curriculum, including extending on our persuasive writing with speech writing and then moving into Poetry and Narrative writing. Speeches will be conducted in classrooms and we will be holding a Tui Speech competition mid way through the term. Further information will follow closer to the time.

Reading:

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home on a regular basis, and over the summer break also. Students in Years 5 and 6 should be reading a broad range of books and other reading material (e.g. magazine and newspaper articles). Come and see your child's teacher if you are stuck for new titles or authors.

Numeracy:

Students will continue to build their Numeracy knowledge and strategies. In 'Strand' maths students will continue to look at Measurement and Geometry, completing a variety of activities as we look to ensure coverage of the curriculum.

At home, a few minutes a day on mathletics (Year 5) and IXL (Year 6) would be ideal in supporting your child to maintain learning such as their basic facts.

We look forward to continuing working alongside our students, their families and whanau for a wonderful final term of 2017.

Kind regards,

Jon, Liz, Sarah, Dan, Sophia and Harriet

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