



## Tui Syndicate Newsletter 2018

**Term FOUR - Monday 15 October - Tuesday 18 December 2018**

### **Kia Ora Tui Syndicate Whanau - Welcome back!**

Hopefully you were all able to have some well earned rest and relaxation over the past holiday break. Whether you got away or stayed at home, we hope that there was plenty of quality time enjoyed as a family. Term Three was a busy term and we look forward to working with your children in the last, and busiest term of the year. Our teaching team have all enjoyed a restful break and are looking forward to the final term in Tui.

### **Success for Nina (Student Teacher in Rata Syndicate):**

Nina thoroughly enjoyed her time in Rata Syndicate and became a well respected member of the teaching team. We appreciated her enthusiasm, her willingness and openness to learning and the genuine interest that she extended to our learners. Nina was farewelled at the end of last term and we wish her all the very best for her future teaching career. Nina has already won a job for 2019 which is wonderful news!

### **Julie Cederman - Teacher Aide in Harakeke:**

We are pleased that Julie is able to continue working in Harakeke over the course of Term 4. Julie is working in the Harakeke space in the mornings. She is a wonderful addition to the team and we look forward to having her work as part of the Tui Team, again this term.

**Week One ...** the students have returned back to school ready for another busy Term. Some of the Year 6 students began their week with the Pedal Ready biking course by taking their bikes out onto the road. Other students across Tui organised and ran a hugely successful mini Market to raise funds for Inquiry-related projects.


### **UPCOMING EVENTS - Dates for your noting:**

School Wk:	Dates:	Events:
2	Monday 22 - Tuesday 23 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Closed: LABOUR DAY and additional Teacher Only Day</li> </ul>
	Thursday 25 October - 9am - 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ngaio School Year 4- 6 Athletics Day at Nairnville Park               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>All parents welcome</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Friday 26 October - 9am - 12:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road Patrol Training for 2019</li> </ul>
3	Monday 29 October - 11:00 - 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tui Tour</li> </ul>
	Monday 29 October - 1:30 - 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NZIS sessions for Year 5 students</li> </ul>
	Tuesday 30 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Athletics Day postponement day</li> </ul>

	Thursday 1 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annika Bohra (Year 10 student from QMC) - here to discuss Cyber Safety</li> </ul>
	Friday 2 November - 9:30am - 1:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Epro8 group to Queen Margaret College for Epro8 2018 Challenge</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	Monday 5 November - 9:00am - 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Zone Athletics - Years 4-6 at Newtown Park</li> </ul>
	Monday 5 November - 1:30pm - 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NZIS sessions for Year 5 students</li> </ul>
	Tuesday 6 November - 9:30am - 10:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tui Tour</li> </ul>
	Thursday 8 October - 11:00am - 11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tui Tour</li> </ul>
	Thursday 8 October - 2:30pm - 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life Education Parent Meeting - Tui parents</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	Monday 12 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Zone Athletics Postponement date</li> </ul>
	Monday 12 - Thursday 15 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Pedal Ready Bike training</li> </ul>
	Monday 12 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NZIS sessions for Year 5 students</li> </ul>
	Friday 16 November - 1:00pm - 1:55pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dean O'Brian creative writing workshop (25 students)</li> </ul>
	Friday 16 November - 1:55pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dean O'Brian performance</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	Monday 19 November - Thursday 22 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Pedal Ready Bike training</li> </ul>
	Friday 23 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STRIVE concludes - last day for handing in booklets and evidence to teachers</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	Monday 26 November - 9:30am - 10:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tui Tour</li> </ul>
	Tuesday 27 November - 9:00am - 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interzone Athletics</li> </ul>
	Thursday 29 November 9:00am - 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interzone Athletics - postponement date</li> </ul>
	Thursday 29 November 11am - 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6s to Raroa for Waimea Exchange performance</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	Monday 3 December - 11:00am - 11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tui Tour</li> </ul>
	Tuesday 4 December - 9:00am - 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Athletics</li> </ul>
	Thursday 6 December - 9:00- 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Athletics - postponement</li> </ul>
	Friday 7 December - TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tui STRIVE Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	Tuesday 11 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tui Fun Day afternoon</li> </ul>

**Pack the Bus:** This will happen again towards the end of the term. Please start putting aside small items to donate to families who would otherwise miss out at Christmas. There will be a list of needed items sent around but in the past they have asked for - tinned goods, toiletries, presents for children, christmas foods (christmas mince pies, cakes etc). The Student Council will once again run this event for 2018.

# Tui Talks...



"An inclusive classroom is one that values the contributions of all students, their families/whānau, and communities. It recognises that every learner is unique and builds on their languages, cultures, and interests; and identifies and removes any barriers to achievement."

"Many aspects of students' lives – their language and culture, their interests, experiences, and needs – remain hidden unless we actively include them in class teaching and learning."

*TKI Developing an Inclusive Education. Inclusive Education - A Guide for Educators. Valuing What Each Student Brings To The Classroom.*

Every day in both Harakeke and Rata we celebrate our learners. We enjoy hearing about our learners lives and celebrate the differences they bring to our class culture. We believe this creates a rich and safe classroom where our learners feel able to take risks and be themselves. A few examples of this include:

- Parents coming into our classes and sharing their cultures.
- Children sharing photographs and movies of events in their lives.
- Celebrating learners successes in sports, academic achievements and relationships.
- Sharing news from the weekends or evenings.
- Celebrating new additions to the learners families, siblings and pets.

## **ONGOING EVENTS: Term 4:**

**Sun Hats:** A reminder that all students are expected to wear a bucket hat for the duration of Term 4. Teachers will also role model this and we strongly encourage parents to wear their sun hats during school events or when on site.

**Tui Tours:** These continue for Term 4. Please join us to see the classrooms in action and to hear about how the classroom programmes operate. If you have been earlier on in the year, we encourage you to visit again. The Tui Tour student guides provide honest and insightful commentary on how the classroom works. If you are unavailable to make the given times or days, please approach Amanda or Raewyn for an alternative visit. These work best during school hours, while the students and teachers are in the classroom.

**Syndicate Assemblies:** These will happen every Friday in either Rata or Harakeke classrooms. Please join us where possible. These begin at 11:45am and conclude by 12:30pm. Please come and celebrate in the students' successes. Assemblies always include presentation of weekly certificates, singing and other items prepared by the students. Students are also provided with the opportunity to take on the role of presenters and organisers of these events.

**STRIVE:** We were able to sign off a number of STRIVE projects in Term 3 and look forward to seeing more this term. Students can get their Strive projects signed off after morning-tea (10:50 am) every Friday morning. 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 for further information.

### **Celebrations:**

- 1. New Cubby Holes** - These have now been installed and are being enjoyed by the Year 6 students. A huge thank you to Mark Palmer for coordinating this work and providing our students with a suitable storage solution. The large storage boxes are going to be fixed by Peter and then repurposed for other uses around the school.
- 2. Pedal Ready - Cycle Programme:** The Year 5 students successfully completed the programme last term (Level 1) and thoroughly enjoyed learning to ride safely on a bicycle. This term, the Year 6s have their turn and as they are now working at Level 2, they are experiencing cycling on the open road. It has been wonderful to watch the students rise to this challenge. The enjoyment from all has been high.
- 3. Buddy Reading** - The senior students will again participate in this rewarding programme, whereby they help support younger students with their reading. The support given by the senior students is outstanding and this opportunity promotes strong student-to-student partnerships that help to raise student achievement.
- 4. Artsplash** - We had a hugely successful arts rotation last term which also included the Artsplash, Dancesplash and Wearable Arts groups; all of whom performed at the Michael Fowler Centre. The students were stunning and the support from parents and the wider community was outstanding. We were proud to have a large number of students participating in this event.
- 5. Kapa Haka festival** - We were overwhelmed by the turnout of students, parents, teachers and the wider community at the St Bridget's Kapa Haka festival. The students all performed with pride and it was wonderful to see a number of Tui students, step up and lead this group.
- 6. Inter-regional Cross Country** - We had the biggest group of students from any school attend this event this year; the majority of whom were from Tui Syndicate.
- 7. School Band performance** - It was a great performance from the school band at the "Ngaio's Got Talent" show at the end of Term 3. We thank Daniel Edmonds for his work with this group and also acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the Year 6 students for organising this year's **Ngaio's Got Talent show**. The school band will perform again, at the end of the term. More information to follow.

### **Programmes for TERM 4:**

**Literacy:** Explicit links between reading and writing will be made wherever possible. Teaching these curriculum areas in conjunction, enhances students' understanding of both reading and writing.

**Writing:** Students will look to select their own audiences and purposes for writing. Workshops will focus on the deeper features of writing, and explicit teaching of the surface features of writing will be included in the wider Literacy programme. Some of this term's writing will be based on 100 word stories which will challenge the students to be explicit with their deeper writing features (language choices, structure, content and ideas and audience engagement) by being restricted to 100 words only.

**Reading:** A strong focus on comprehension skills will happen this term. Based on the students' needs, they will develop a range of comprehension skills. A big need for all students in Tui is the development of their local and global inferencing skills. The Year 4 and 5 students will work together this term on a reading based programme that will help to promote critical thinking skills based on the novel, BOY by Roald Dahl.

**Mathematics:** Along with the ongoing focus of developing number strategy and knowledge, there will be a stronger focus on problem solving for Term 4. Place value and fraction knowledge will also be targeted to help support students as they work towards the higher number strategy levels.

#### **Unit Focus:**

**Life Education: Weeks 4 and 5:** All students across the school will have the opportunity this term to be involved in the Life Education programme. Groups of students will attend up to 3 sessions with a focus on the New Zealand Health Curriculum. The team have selected a programme to meet the needs of the students at this level. A parent education session is being held ahead of this programme beginning. All parents are invited to attend.

**The Inquiry work** concludes early this term, and the students are looking forward to sharing what they have learned and worked on over the past term.

**The last part of the term** will be based around celebrations - preparing to farewell the Year 6s, while preparing the Year 5s to step up as next year's leaders of the school. This work will be linked to the Arts and also integrated through Te Reo.

**Puberty** - The Year 6 students will participate in a Puberty Unit. Information about this will be shared shortly. This is a worthwhile time for the Year 6s - not only in terms of understanding the changes to their bodies but also the time together as a group.

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#### **COMMUNICATION:**

**Home/School Partnerships and Communication:** Please continue to approach your child's whanau teacher if you have a concern, question or something to share. The teachers are available both before and after school for face-to-face conversations. All families are welcome to make a meeting with a Tui teacher if they require more time to discuss a particular issue. Amanda is also available for meetings but it is encouraged that you touch base with your child's teacher first.

If you wish to contact a particular teacher you can email the teachers on their individual emails. All contact details can be found at the end of this newsletter. When signing off from the rata or harakeke emails, it is the teacher who composed the email who will sign off with their name first.

**Student Absences:** [absences@ngaio.school.nz](mailto:absences@ngaio.school.nz)

As always, it is helpful for parents to email **both** the classroom teacher and absences when your child is sick or away from school. Please include the reason for your child's absence in this correspondence, as we need to code these absences through the office. If there is a bigger issue sitting behind an absence please also follow up with a phone call to either the child's teacher or Amanda. Where a child is going to be late to school, please advise us of the child's anticipated return time to school. When taking your child out of school ahead of 3 o'clock we require them to be signed out through the office. Thank you in advance with your assistance in these matters.

**Cellphones at school:** Since last term, we have seen an improvement in student cell-phone behaviours which has been encouraging. The students are taking responsibility for following the guidelines. Thank you to you the parents, for not calling, texting or emailing your child during class hours. All correspondence during school hours, must go through the office.

**Cyber Safety:** As always, we continue to keep a close eye on how students are using their devices at school. Discussions last term centred around passwords and the importance of students to not share these with their friends.

We encourage parents to think about and revise how devices are being used at home. A good rule is to have an area dedicated to device use at your house e.g. the living area. Additionally, not encouraging device use by children in their own in their bedrooms, knowing your child's passwords, and having explicit rules about what sites are appropriate. Students should also have private (rather than public) settings when creating accounts or joining apps.

**Kind Regards,**

**The Tui Team: Daniel, Harriet, Liz, Sarah, Chantal, Sophia and Amanda.**

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