

Tui Syndicate

Term Two

2019



Welcome back and a special welcome to students and families who are new to Tui Syndicate or Ngaio School.

EOTC events in Term 1.

It was wonderful to see so much education outside of the classroom occurring in Term 1. Thank you to any and all parents/caregivers who helped making these events the awesome successes that they were. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Space Topic

This term our Science focus will be based around the planet Earth and beyond. Teachers in both Harakeke and Rata have been spending time over the term break planning some great learning experiences for your child(ren). If there is anyone out there with any specific skills or experience in this field please feel free to contact us. Your expertise would be gratefully received.

Key Competencies

The New Zealand National Curriculum is tied together by five Key Competencies designed for living and life-long learning. They are

- [thinking](#)
- [using language, symbols, and texts](#)
- [managing self](#)
- [relating to others](#)
- [participating and contributing](#)

This year Tui has been working hard on developing your child's self competencies. We encourage independence and self management always. Relationships and interactions with others are going to be a real focus with us this term. Some of our Year 6 students will be trained as peer mediators (thank you Kirsten!) and we will be doing lots of work around conflict resolution too.

Cross Country

Please note your diary - this year's Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 15th May with the first (junior) race scheduled for 9.45am. Senior races begin straight after morning tea, and cross country is followed by a sausage sizzle sold by the PTA. Parents are encouraged to come along to support their child(ren)! More details will be coming home soon.

Due to our temperamental weather, it is difficult to hold practices on set days and so we ask children to be prepared with appropriate footwear and clothing over the next few weeks.

Starting time

Year 0-1 Boys 9.45am

Year 0-1 Girl 9.50am

Year 2 Boys 9.55am

Year 2 Girls 10.00am

Year 3 Boy 10.05am

Year 3 Girls 10.10am

Year 6 Boys 11.00am

Year 6 Girls 11.10am

Year 5 Boys 11.20am

Year 5 Girls 11.30am

Year 4 Boys 11.40am

Year 4 Girls 11.50am

Te Reo

Matua Alwyn continues to work across Tui this term. Matariki, its cultural significance and importance, will be a focus that ties in nicely with our "Earth and Beyond" inquiry unit. As always, we thank Matua Alwyn for providing our students with fantastic and highly educational Te Reo experiences.

Literacy

We encourage all children to be reading regularly at home, either independently or being read to. Reading mileage is very important - as is exposing your child to a wide range of different texts. Newspapers, emails, magazines, comics, novels and cookbooks are examples of the different types of texts that could be read. There are tonnes of others!

Numeracy

Basic facts knowledge continues to be a focus that can be practiced at home as well as at school. Times table knowledge, in particular, needs to be learned and reinforced regularly as the strategies and knowledge based learning that occurs across Tui depend on their fast recall. We thank you all for the hard work that we know is happening at home to help this to happen.

We will have a particular focus on Multiplication and Division this term. Real life problems are an excellent way for your child to practise their skills at home. An example could be as follows: If I pay you \$3 a day to keep your room tidy how much money will you receive every week? Relating maths problems back to “real life” situations is a proven way to motivate students to learn.

<p>Pink Shirt Day Friday 17th May is Pink Shirt Day and children are invited to come to school wearing as much pink as they wish! The aim in Aotearoa, is to spread aroha and kindness, celebrate diversity and put an end to bullying!</p>	<p>Sunhats - do not need to be worn at school during Term Two.</p>	<p>Yummy Stickers Classes are collecting yummy stickers from fruit and cut out bag labels again this term. These stickers help our school earn free sports gear.</p>
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STRIVE

Teachers have received some absolutely wonderful STRIVE projects already this year. To complete STRIVE and receive a certificate at our special STRIVE assembly, children in Year 5 need to complete eight activities, or nine activities for Year 6. Many children will manage to go beyond this requirement.

Wrapper Free Wednesday

Wrapper-free Wednesdays will begin in week 2.

This means we will be encouraging all students at Ngaio School to reduce the single-use plastic rubbish that comes into school with their school lunches.

School Communication

The school newsletter is emailed home to families. Paper copies can be requested from the office. Our school website and Facebook page are updated regularly with photographs, children’s work and reminders. All students across Ngaio have a Seesaw account as a way of sharing their learning. If you require support accessing your child’s seesaw account please contact your child’s teacher.

Absences

If children are going to be late or away from school please email absences@ngaio.school.nz and copy in your child's teacher to that email. The email should contain your child's name, room number, reason and period for absence or lateness. Please also remember to sign out your child at the office if they leave the school grounds between 9-3pm and to sign in if they arrive between these times.

Messages

If you need to contact your child with an urgent message please notify the office to ensure the message is received rather than the class teacher.

The Tui Team

Chantal, Harriet, James, Karen, Sam and Sarah.

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