



POHUTUKAWA NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 2019

Kia ora tatou

Welcome back to the new school term. We hope you are excited about our topic for Term Two, 'I am an Astronomer' and have had a chance to help your child with their home learning for topic – the 'AstronomyAthon.' Our team will have our testing day for this on Friday, 10 May. The big idea for this topic is that astronomers use their knowledge to understand and explore.

The school values we will be focusing on are enjoyment and optimism.

TOPIC AND TEAM TRIP

As part of this topic learning, students will be visiting Stardome Observatory and One Tree Hill Domain. They will have time inside the Stardome complex with a Stardome educator and also time in the planetarium. Students will also have an outdoors session in the park where we can follow up on our Term One topic, 'I am an Environmentalist'. Please refer to the trip notice for more information on what your child is required to bring that day.

Thank you to those parents who have offered to support us with this trip. Could you please let your child's teacher know in advance if you are no longer able to attend as we do need minimum adult to child ratios to enable us to go.

We hope this trip inspires our curious thinkers to question and ponder about our solar system and what lies beyond.

WHOLE SCHOOL TOPIC QUESTIONS

As part of our home learning we ask students to discuss with their families a 'topical question' each week. Students are encouraged to share some of these ideas for oral language.

Week 1/Wiki Tahi: What do you know about space?

Week 2/Wiki Rua: What causes day and night on Earth? What causes seasons on Earth to change?

Week 3/Wiki Toru: How are planets, stars, and the moon different from each other?

Week 4/Wiki Wha: What are the special qualities an astronaut needs to have?

Week 5/Wiki Rima: Who owns space? Do you think countries or individuals should be able to own celestial objects? Why / why not?

Week 6/Wiki Ono: What sort of questions do you think astronomers ask themselves? If you could ask an astronomer a question about space what would it be?

Week 7/Wiki Whitu: Name one astronomer you have learnt about this term? How have they impacted our world?

Week 8/Wiki Waru: How much do you think it would cost to build a space suit or a rocket? Do you think it is worth the money?

Week 9/Wiki Iwa: What do you think it would be like to live in space? What would be some of the challenges you might face?

Week 10/Wiki Tekau: How does learning about space affect how we make decisions in our daily lives

Week 3 is also **Science Week**. During this week, the whole school will be celebrating and exploring the many different facets of science.

REMINDERS FOR TERM TWO

On occasion, you may need to drop your child to school before 8.30am. There is a before school care service provided by Parnell Trust inside the hall where children are supervised and have quiet activities to do. If your child is not attending before school care we ask that they sit on the hall steps until the bell rings at 8.30am. We also request that any parent waiting with their child to remain in this area, for health and safety reasons.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Week 3, Friday 17 May (Rooms 18 & 19 to host)

Week 8, Friday 21 June (Rooms 16 and 17 to host)

PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLIES

Week 6, Friday 7 June

Week 10, Friday 5 July

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Monday: Years 1-3 Jump Jam (Hall)

Tuesday: Years 1-3 Basketball (Junior Courts), Year 1-4 Chess Club (Room 10)

Wednesday: Years 1-3 Auckland Football Coaching (Senior Field)

Thursday: Years 1-3 Netball (Junior Courts)

Friday: Years 1-3 Mixed Games (Junior Field) & Years 1-6 Science Club (Room 23)

All students in Year 3 participate in Middle School sport on **Thursday afternoons**.

LIBRARY

Please note Rooms 16 and Room 17 have new days for their visit to the school library.

Room 16 – Tuesday

Room 17 – Monday

Room 18 will continue with their Wednesday visits and Room 19 on Thursday.

Please remind your child to pack their library books in their bag to return on their library days.

Ngā mihi nui

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