

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

4 May 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians & Whanau

TE MOANA YRS 5/6 - TERM TWO UPDATE

Welcome back to Term Two. We hope you had a relaxing break and your lovely children are recharged for what looks to be a very busy and exciting term.

Firstly, a big thank you to all those parents that lent a hand last term. We really appreciate the help and support we receive from our community here at Raumati Beach School. Without the help from our parents we would not be able to offer the learning opportunities we do for your children.

Secondly, Term Two is shaping up to be a cracker. We have fantastic trips planned and speakers coming into school. Hopefully this will help motivate, inspire and inform our inquisitive children, and they can share all their new found knowledge with you.

Finally, we look forward to working alongside you all again this term and continuing to build our positive relationships.

ERO (Education Review Office)

This term we are excited by the visit from our friends at the Education Review Office. This will take place in Week 8. Classes will be business as usual, however it will be a busy time for all around the school. If you are interested in reading the positive reviews that Raumati Beach School has received, you can view them at www.ero.govt.nz

Overview of Term 2 Learning

- Math: Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and division strategies, number knowledge workshops and Statistics and Probability
- Literacy: Using reading and the writing process in the context of our current inquiry, to explain and inform
- Inquiry: Sustainability/Composting
- Physical Education: Cross Country, Large Ball Skills and daily fitness (four sessions a week)

Mahara Art Project

Mahara Gallery has developed a unique project linking the arts and environment in partnership with Nga Manu Nature Reserve. The project gives students a total immersion experience and is fully funded by the Philipp Family Foundation so there is no cost to the families or school.

This year, Mahara have offer the opportunity to our Year 5&6 students. The theme is Rere or 'to fly', and students will be working with artist Michelle Backhouse and poets Mary-Jane Duffy and Dean Hapeta. A short film featuring some of the children reading their poems may also be produced.

We start with a day-trip to spend the morning at Nga Manu Nature Reserve doing workshops and exploring the environment, then go to Mahara gallery for an arts session in the afternoon.

After the daytrip, in Term 3, artists and poets work in class over two weeks with students to produce their own images and texts which are professionally framed and mounted, and then

launched in their own exhibition at Mahara gallery. We also produce a beautiful book and launch that about six weeks later, copies of which are gifted to each child and school.

Some images from previous years are available to look at in your child's class.

Tip Trip

We are looking at going to the Hutt Valley for the World of Waste Tour. This is a relevant trip as it ties in with our inquiry topic of Sustainability. The trip will cost \$15 per student and this includes transport to and from the Hutt Valley, plus tours of the landfill, Earth Link and the Dowse Art Museum. This trip has limited numbers, so first in first served. There are only 3 trips available with 40 students in each, so you will need to get in quickly! It's an amazing learning experience not to be missed! More details to follow once dates have been confirmed.

Important Dates

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| Week 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cross Country Tuesday 15th May, postpone to Thurs 17th |
| Week 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cyber Safety in classes, with visit from the NZ Police |
| Week 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KCDC in teaching classes about composting and recycling, 28 May-1st June |
| Week 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Queen's Birthday Monday 4th June |
| Week 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trip to Te Papa's Toi Art exhibition, 12,13, or 14th June• Reports go home Friday 15th June |
| Week 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matariki Celebrations• ERO visit |
| Week 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NZEI Paid Meetings (TBC) |
| Week 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mahara Art 'Rere" project - Visit to Mahara Gallery and Nga Manu Bird Sanctuary, 3rd or 4th July |

All the teachers in Te Moana 5-6 are looking forward to another successful term where all students will get to experience success and enjoy themselves whilst learning. Should you have any queries or concerns as the term develops, please do not hesitate to make your child's classroom teacher your first point of contact.

Regards,

Matt van Wheeler, Rosie Powell, Naomi Wright, Jenni Adams, Shellee May & Paul Gilbert

An important reminder: school is NOT open until 8.30am in the morning and students are not permitted on-site without adult supervision prior to that time. This ensures the safety of your child, and means staff are free to focus on preparing for the day ahead.