

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

18 October 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians & Whanau ,

TE MOANA 5/6 - TERM FOUR UPDATE

Welcome to Term Four.

First of all we would like to say a big thank you, once again, to all you wonderful parents for your support and encouragement. Last term we had fantastic family involvement in our Bring a Parent to Math Day and our trips to Mahara Art Gallery. We were blown away with the amount of parents who attended our math sessions. Hopefully you gained a glimpse into how our math programmes run, and picked up a few tips on how to help your children at home. Without your continued support events like these wouldn't happen, so thank you for supporting Te Moana 5-6.

Secondly, summer is almost upon us, so this term is a sun hat term. Could you please make sure that your child has a named school hat, and that they bring it to school everyday. It would also be advisable that your child applies sunscreen every day.

Lastly, at the end of the term we will be running an EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) week. We will be asking for parent help for some of these activities, so please keep an ear and eye out for information regarding this later during the term. If you do volunteer to help, please assume you are involved unless you hear otherwise. Unfortunately we often don't get confirmation of events and final information until very close to the day.

Mahara Art Gallery

Thank you to all those parents who helped out at Whakarongotai Marae and the Art Exhibition opening. The kids really loved having their parents come and help and it was awesome to see so many of you there. If you haven't seen your child's wonderful art displayed in the gallery please go and view it. The exhibition runs until the 21st October. Also as part of the experience, every child received a book with all the artwork and poems in it. If your child didn't receive one, please contact their classroom teacher.

Overview of Term 4 Learning

- Math: Multiplication and Division strategies, Number Knowledge Workshops and Geometry
- Literacy: Writing focus will be speech writing and persuasive writing; and reading will focus on comprehension strategies. Literacy will be linked to this terms inquiry
- Inquiry: Power! Explored in different contexts in different classes.
- Physical Education: Large and small Ball Skills and Folk Dancing
- Science: Chemical change

2018 End of year report

There have been a number of changes over the past few months regarding how schools report student progress and achievement to parents and whanau. A change of government has seen the removal of National Standards and the requirement for schools to report in relation to these standards. In response to these changes, we are currently reviewing our

school reporting processes and report formats.

You may notice some changes to our year 5-6 end of year report form. For this end of year summary report, we have included outcome statements with check boxes that will hopefully make it easier for parents and students to understand. We have also decided to comment more thoroughly on the key competencies that your child displays on a daily basis.

Important Dates

Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● End of Sustainability unit: Beach clean-up
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Tuesday 30th October - Whole school powhiri● 1-2 November - School Photos
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Team 5/6 Talent Quest Heats
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Team 5/6 Speech competition● Thursday 15th November - School Talent Quest● Potential NZEI strike action
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thursday 29th November - Reports go home
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● School wide <i>Play with the Arts Week</i>● Wednesday 5th December - Transition Day● Friday 7th December - Regional Kapa Haka Festival for our Hui Performance Group
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● EOTC Week: Surf Lifesaving, Sea Scouts, Adrenalin Forest
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Monday 17 December - Last day of school (half day)

Finally, we would love to see parents celebrating their child's learning, so feel free to join us for our beach clean up, speech competition and our EOTC week. We also have Kapa Haka and a Team Assembly on alternate Tuesdays from 9-10am that you are all welcome to attend.

Regards,

Matt van Wheeler, Rosie Powell, Naomi Wright, Jenni Adams, Shellee May and 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.