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Kia Ora Tūrepo Whanau

Tūrepo Team Term 2 Newsletter

A warm haere mai to Term 2! We hope that your child had a great break and you all managed to have some family time together over Easter.

AKO/LEARNING IN TUREPO

Uiuinga/Inquiry Ako - We will be continuing with our Term 1 Inquiry, Newton's Law this term. Students are working towards creating videos and a rollercoaster that explains and shows Newton's Law in action. We can't wait to share these with you.

Towards the end of the term, our Inquiry focus will be on keeping ourselves safe in the digital and real world. Constable Ken will help us deliver the NZ Police Keep Ourselves Safe programme and the Attitude and Parenting Place will be come in for a "Tackling Technology" workshop, with a focus on digital safety and citizenship.

Reo Matatini / Literacy Ako - Students will continue to work across the Tūrepo team for reading with a focus on non-fiction texts. This will include texts that hold the student's interests and / or what is happening in the world around us. Your child will have specific learning goals according to their needs and level.

ANZAC's is our first writing focus for Term 2. Students will be immersed in the world of the ANZAC's and will use their poetry skills learnt in Term 1 to respond in poetic form. Following on from this, writing will be integrated into our Inquiry work with students learning the art of writing scientific reports and explanations.

Pāngarau / Mathematics Ako - Mathematics learning will continue across the Tūrepo team with a focus on geometry - position, orientation and transformation and numeracy.

Students will spend small group teaching time with their maths kaiako and also independent learning time with the support of learning coaches. In this time, students will complete follow up tasks and have a chance to practise and enhance their mathematical e-learning on Studyladder, E-Ako, Prodigy or Maths Buddy.

Please continue to encourage your child to practise their basic facts regularly. This makes a huge difference to your child's ability to learn and practise strategies independently in Maths.

Pūtaiao / Science Ako - In week 3 we explore the world of science as part of national Science Week. Students will engage in a range of science experiences over the week with Tūrepo kaiako and Environment Canterbury.

Mahi toi / The Arts Ako - Our Arts focus in Term 2 is working towards the Kaiapoi Arts Expo. Students will learn the art of printmaking alongside pastel work on birds.

Mahi Kāinga / Home Learning - Students will receive a new home learning sheet for Term 2. We encourage you to support your child in completing the weekly and term tasks. This will go a long way in preparing them for the demands of High School.

Students can also work on their STAR booklets over the term.

HĀKINAKINA / SPORT

Hākinakina Kaiako / Sports Coaching - We will continue with our fortnightly sports coaching again this term. Each homeroom has a half hour session in which they receive coaching from the two experts from the North Canterbury Sports & Recreation Trust every Wednesday. Sessions will begin in week 1 of Term 2.

Cross Country - Our school cross country is going to be held on Monday 20th May (week 3). All students will be expected to run over a course that is 1-3 km long. Please encourage your child to spend some of his / her free time working on his / her fitness in the coming weeks. We will also be working on this at school.

The North Canterbury Cross Country is on Wednesday 29th May (week 5).

The North Canterbury Friday Sports Competition - This year, Tūrepo students have chosen to take part in either the competitive North Canterbury Friday Sport Competition or non-competitive Friday sport at school. These sporting activities start on Friday 24th May (week 4).

Students who have opted to compete in the competitive North Canterbury Friday sport will travel by bus to venues around Rangiora to compete in their chosen sport against other North Canterbury schools. There will be a one day tournament on Tuesday 2nd July. Students will be issued with a uniform and will require the appropriate gear for their chosen sport. Teams will be advised soon.

Students who have opted into the non-competitive sport at school will engage in a variety of different sporting activities each Friday afternoon with our kaiako.

Hotoke / Winter - As the weather gets colder it is important for the child to be dressed appropriately to play outside. They are required to play outside unless it is raining, so the **SCHOOL** polar fleece is needed on cold days, **NOT** mufti jerseys. Appropriate winter shoes and jackets are also required please.

Finally, if your child has been sick (in particular vomiting, diarrhea), is feeling unwell or has a heavy cold please keep him / her at home. As you will appreciate in a busy learning environment germs can spread very quickly and we need to avoid this if possible.

We look forward to another great term working with your child.

Ngā mihi nui

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