



Puriri (C2) Community Pānui/Notice - Term 1 2024

Welcome

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our learners and their whānau. Over the past couple of weeks it has been lovely to meet and connect with everyone and begin an exciting and engaging journey together. Below is our learning focus for Term 1.

Tūrangawaewae (Our Place to Stand)

Tūrangawaewae is a powerful Māori concept which literally means standing place (tūranga) and feet (waewae); and is often translated as 'a place to stand'. Tūrangawaewae are places where we feel empowered and connected. They are our foundation, our place in the world, our home.

Our essential question is, ***"Who am I and what makes me?" - Understanding where I stand.***

Over the term students will explore who they are, where they're from, and what's important to them. For students to establish a deep connection within themselves and to share this with others, we will be calling on your support and will reach out to you as the term progresses.

Literacy

We will work on building your child's confidence and skills in Reading and Writing. There will be a focus on developing strong phonological awareness and how this is applied when decoding (reading) and encoding (writing). Students will widen their oral vocabulary, which includes using nouns, verbs and adjectives and apply this knowledge to their writing. They will work through the process of writing by planning, drafting, editing and publishing.

Mathematics

Our two major areas of focus are Number and Statistics. Students will increase their knowledge of numbers and learn strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. They will participate in class statistical investigations where they will pose questions, collect and display data with support from the teacher.

Physical Education

As part of our Physical Education programme we will be covering Aquatics (Swimming), and developing and practising the skills of striking and fielding.

The Arts - Visual Art

Students will create self portraits using a variety of mixed media to express themselves and demonstrate who they are.

Home Learning and Book Bags

Book Bags and home learning books will be sent home in Week 4. It will include a variety of ways that parents/caregivers can support learning at home. Please ensure the home learning book is kept in your child's book bag, and brought back to school everyday.

Experiencing Marine Reserves - Snorkeling

We are excited to offer our Puriri learners snorkeling instruction with Experiencing Marine Reserves. This includes:

- A one-hour session in the school pool with professional snorkeling instruction and a focus on water safety.
- Equipment will be provided (wetsuits, masks, snorkel, fins).

Please check out the EMR website to learn more - www.emr.org.nz

Swimming

Our first session in the swimming pool will begin in Week 4 with our Experiencing Marine Reserves Snorkelling lesson. From Week 7 until the end of the term all students will begin instructional swimming lessons. The scheduled sessions are on different days over those weeks, and may change. We will send out a swimming schedule closer to the time.

Library

Our library days are divided between Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students can borrow two books to take home and enjoy with you. Your child's literacy teacher will communicate with you to confirm which library day applies to your child.

Reminders

- Sun hats are a requirement every day in term 1.
- Raincoats need to be in bags daily. Umbrellas are not suitable to send to school as they can be dangerous and hurt other children.
- Pack healthy lunches and snacks for your child. Packs of processed and high sugar snacks do not help them to concentrate throughout the day.
- Only water in drink bottles, no juice or juice boxes please.
- Please name everything, including drink bottles, lunch boxes, shoes and hats.
- Book bags need to be at school daily.

Important Dates to add to the calendar:

Week	Event	Date
4	Experiencing Marine Reserves - Snorkeling	Thursday 22 February
7 - 10	Puriri Swimming Sessions for all Guardian Groups	Swimming days confirmed closer to the time
9	Photolife - Class and individual photos	Wednesday 27 March
	Good Friday - School closed	Friday 29 March
10	Easter Monday and Tuesday - School closed	Monday 1 April Tuesday 2 April
11	Learning Conversations	Wednesday 10 April Thursday 11 April
	End of Term 1	Friday 12 April
	Term 2 Begins	Monday 29 April

Please feel free to connect with your child's guardian teacher if you have anything you would like to discuss.

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