

## Nikau News Term 4 2023

Kia ora koutou,

A belated welcome back to Term Four! We started the term off with two exciting events, last week our Year 3 and 4 students participated in our school athletics events. It was amazing to see the enthusiasm, resilience and joy the students showed competing in all sorts of events. This term the children will continue to share their learning with you and will bring home a selection of work from different curriculum areas. Look out for evidence of their learning in geometry this week. We have a number of trips planned so please check the dates added in table at the end of this newsletter. Your help would be greatly appreciated and it allows us to go on these exciting learning experiences.

**Literacy** - We started the term with a focus on different types of poems, both reading and creating our own to share. Alongside this we will revisit various text types for both reading and writing that fit with our learning across the curriculum. We will continue to use authentic opportunities for literacy as it fits.

**Mathematics** - We have been learning about geometry with a focus on transformation. This included investigating shapes that tessellate and making geometric patterns by translating (sliding), reflecting (flipping) and rotating (turning). The students have made a piece of wrapping paper to bring home that represents their learning in this area. We now move to a focus on basic facts and using a range of addition and subtraction strategies to help solve problems. Later in the term we will explore sequential patterns and positional language for map reading. We will also have access to the bee bots from the Hutt Science kits to support this learning.

**Religious Education/Health** - We have been learning about the Communion of Saints and we have a major focus this term on understanding that we are all made in the likeness and image of God. We will learn the importance of us treating ourselves and others as such. The health learning later in the term will continue with this idea and look at growth and development, friendships and maintaining relationships, understanding that personal identities differ, and identifying gender stereotypes. We will also visit the Life Education Van and will learn about how to manage our big emotions and how to know what others could be feeling.

**NZ Aotearoa Histories/Te Reo Māori** - We are learning about local street names and the history and stories behind them. We will also focus on the Kupe pūrākau (story) and use and respond to simple classroom language (including asking items in te reo Māori).

**Physical Education** – We continue with athletics for a time and then will move into ‘invasion games’ where we will learn how to direct a ball towards a target and away from a defender. At the end of the term the students will participate in a range of cooperative games.

**The Arts** – We have been exploring and working with water colours in visual art and from week 5 onward we will explore, design and create our own World of Wearable Art (WOW) designs using recycled or reused items. Please start saving any recycling materials you think will be helpful for the students to add to their designs. We would prefer that no purchased materials be used. The students will display these at our end of year presentation on Tuesday 5 December at 2pm in the church. As part of this unit of learning we would love a few parent helpers for our planned trip to the City Gallery and Te Papa in Wellington City.

Please see important dates on the table below and either add your name [here](#) or email Jane at [nikau@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:nikau@stpeterpaul.school.nz) if you are able to help with any of our activities. Once we have helpers we will email them directly with more details closer to the time.

Important dates this term:

Date	Trip/Activity and Location	Parent Helpers Needed
Tuesday 24 October (Week 3)	<b>Rm 9 Lower Hutt library visit</b> leaving school at 1:25 back at 2:45 pm	2 maximum
Wednesday 25 October (Week 3)	<b>Rm 8 Lower Hutt library visit</b> leaving school at 10:50am back at 12:15 pm	2 maximum
Thursday 26 October (Week 3)	<b>Rm 10 Lower Hutt library visit</b> leaving school at 10:50am back at 12:15 pm	2 maximum
	<b>Rm 11 Lower Hutt library visit</b> leaving school at 1:25 back at 2:45 pm	2 maximum
Thursday 2 November (Week 4)	School Mass 9:15 am	All welcome
Wednesday 8 November (Week 5)	<b>City Gallery and Te Papa Trip - Rms 10 and 11</b> Leave at 9:15 am - back for 2pm	5 for Room 10 5 for Room 11
	<b>City Gallery and Te Papa Trip - Rms 8 and 9</b> Leave at 9:15 am - back for 2pm	5 for Room 8 5 for Room 9
Thursday 16 November Friday 17 November (Week 6)	Celebration of People and Culture Teacher Only Day (TOD) - no students at school	All welcome N/A
Tuesday 5 December (Week 9)	<b>Nikau Performance</b> (WOW costumes and Christmas celebration) at the church 2pm	All welcome
Thursday 7 December (Week 9)	<b>Mackenzie Baths (pool)</b> - walk there and bus back Leave at 9:15 am back at 1:30 pm	14 parents from across Nikau please

## **Reminders**

Please continue to ensure your child has appropriate sports shoes for physical education each Monday and Wednesday. Students are expected to have their named school sunhat everyday. If they do not have one they will be restricted to shady areas of the school. If you have any new uniform items please remember to name them. If you wish to make contact with any of the teachers please don't hesitate to reach us at [admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz) or phone the office to make an appointment. You can also contact the team directly via Jane at [nikaua@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:nikaua@stpeterpaul.school.nz)

Kind regards,

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**Nikau Area Teachers**