

## *Te Motu Term 3 Update 2021*

### *From the Syndicate*

We hope you all managed to have some nice family time over the past couple of weeks. We are sure that you are all pleased to see your darlings back at school now though!

We have got a very busy term ahead with heaps of exciting events and lots of learning to look forward to. The following is a brief outline of some of the things we will be covering and doing over the next 10 weeks. We encourage you to ask your children about what they are doing at school and chat about what they are learning.

One thing we will often chat to our classes about is the importance of keeping themselves clean. We will chat to them about how they are at an age when their bodies are changing and producing sweat and odours. We will talk about the importance of regular showers and changing clothes, especially tops and socks! We would appreciate it if you could reiterate this at home (which we are sure you do but if they are getting nagged, oh we mean reminded, from both ends, hopefully it will sink in!)

We hope to see you at Parent Teacher Interview night and encourage you to have looked at students' online portfolio on Spotlight throughout the term..

### *Dates for your Diary*

#### Week 1

Tues 27 July - Golf Lessons for 60 students at Paraparaumu Beach Golf Course

Thurs 28th July - No Technology

Fri 29th July -Technology instead of Thursday

#### Week 2

Wed 4 Aug - Parent - Teacher interviews

Friday 6 August- KYS Charity Fundraiser Student Council

#### Week 3 - NZ MATHS WEEK

Tues 10 August - Round 2 for the rained out golfers

Wed- Thursday 11 - 12 August - Te Motu staff attending a Student Agency Conference

#### Week 5

Tues & Wed 24 & 25 August- School Photos Tātahi & extracurricular groups

Tues 24 Aug - Te Motu - Diagnostic Swim Testing at Aquatic Centre 11 - 1pm

#### Week 6

Mon 30 Aug - Target swim group at Aquatic Centre 11.15 - 12.45

Tues 31 Aug - Target swim group at Aquatic Centre 11.15 - 12.45

Fri 3 Sept - Target swim group at Aquatic Centre 11.15 - 12.45

## Week 7

Mon 6 Sept - Target swim group at Aquatic Centre 11.15 - 12.45

Tues 7 Sept - Senior Winter Tournament (pp day Thursday 9th)

Wed 8th Sept - Target swim group at Aquatic Centre 11.15 - 12.45

Wed 8th Sept - Kapiti College Option Day

Fri 10 Sept - Target swim group at Aquatic Centre 11.15 - 12.45

## Week 8 - Maori Language Week

### BOOK WEEK - based around superhero

## Week 9

Tuesday 21 Sept - Paraparaumu College Language Teachers visiting to take some language lessons with our students.

Friday 24 Sept - Te Motu Speech Cup Final. 11.30 in the school hall. Spectators are welcome.

## Week 10

Whole School Assembly TBC

Whanau Fun TBC

## *Literacy Programme*

All classes will run daily reading, spelling, grammar, creative and expressive writing, and oral language programmes, continuing to develop skills learnt in previous years but with the focus on developing student's independence in literacy.

This term the syndicate will focus on public speaking which is an extremely important skill for everyone to experience and have confidence in. The ultimate goal for many will be to make it through to the Speech Cup Final which is a very sort after award for many of our students, others, it will be just to get their speech over and done with!

We will also start to focus on persuasive language where we will look at how to get people to look at our points of view and will lead into learning the skills of debating. We do apologise for encouraging your young preteen to argue and hope that you are not exposed to too much practice!

## *Maths*

**This term we will cover -**

**Number Knowledge and Strategies:** Form & solve simple linear equations. Generalise properties of multiplication & division with whole numbers.

Use graphs tables & rules to describe linear relationships found in number & spatial patterns.

**Geometry:** Transformation: Use the invariant properties of figures & objects under transformations (reflection, rotation, translation or enlargement).

**Statistics:** Probability: Use simple fractions & percentages to describe probabilities.

Investigate situations that involve elements of chance.

## *Inquiry - Term 3's school wide focus is "What is your Super Power?"*

*After creating our own Super heroes with special super powers each student will take a more serious look at what their actual super power is. If they could make a difference to anything*

*they wanted to, what would they do, how could they do this and what difference they could make?*

*Through this Inquiry, we hope the students will realise that what they do has impact and that they CAN make a difference to something they are passionate about.*

### **Physical Education**

Fitness programmes developed in Term 1 will continue throughout this term encouraging students to strive towards their own goals and targets and make adjustments to these targets and activities to ensure students are continuously improving their fitness .

This term we will focus on winter sports - hockey, netball, soccer, rugby and rippa rugby to not only develop kicking, throwing, striking, defending and attacking skills, and building team work, sportsmanship and inclusiveness. All students will select a sport to focus on and will be part of a team representing our school in the annual Interschool Winter Tournament held in September.

### **The Arts and Languages**

**Te Reo** - Turangawaewae Projects and the online Toku Reo and Education Perfect programmes will continue throughout the year with a big focus on using everyday phrases and instructions as much as possible.

**Visual Art , Dance and Music** - Will all be linked into our Inquiry. We will also be introducing Ukulele in our SWAT programme.

### **Homework**

The main component of homework in Te Motu will be unfinished classwork. Work loads will vary at different times of the year eg practising speeches. We encourage independent, responsible learning from all students. Daily reading is encouraged and most students will have weekly spelling words to learn. Students may have some extra activities this term through their SWAT teacher.

### **SWAT - Study With Another Teacher**

Ukulele with Mr Siverson: Students will learn some basic chords, building to songs. The ukulele is a versatile and joyful instrument, and playing music with others is one of life's

great pleasures.

**Art with Mrs Spencer:** Students will be introduced to a variety of drawing techniques, including value, shading and observational drawing.

**Geography with Mrs Snowsill:** Students will explore the world with Google Earth learning where some of the most famous landmarks in the world reside, and visit them virtually.

**Living Languages with Mrs Franks :** Last term we gave students a taster of learning a new language – Spanish. This term we will ask the students to make a choice of the language they would like to learn and lead them into their own personalised learning of their chosen language. Students will be encouraged to choose a language that is offered at college and will use a variety of online tools to introduce them to this language.

**Financial Literacy with Mrs Graham:** Students will build on knowledge gained last term and continue to develop their understanding of taxes, saving, budgeting and investing.

**Digital Breakouts with Mrs McKenna:** Students will exercise their collaboration, creativity and communication skills in order to solve a series of critical thinking puzzles.

### **Swimming Programme**

Our annual swimming programme will commence in week 5. We take all students to the Aquatic Centre to test their swimming skills and water confidence. From this we select the students who we feel need a boost to their water skills and confidence, then over 2 weeks we take this group to the Aquatic Centre where they will be taught in small groups by qualified swimming instructors. This is an awesome opportunity for these students to gain confidence in the water. We would love to hear from you prior to this if you feel your child would benefit from this opportunity and you would like them to be considered for this specialised programme.

### **Winter Tournament**

All students in Te Motu will be participating in the annual local school's Winter Tournament. Students who are in our school A Teams will compete in their code while others will select and trial for other teams in Rippa, Football, Netball, Hockey and Rugby. We will get together at least once a week to work on skills and team building in preparation for the tournament in week 7. We will send home details of times and venues etc closer to the time. If you do

have a particular passion for one of these sports and would be able to help us out with coaching (especially on Tuesdays at midday) please contact one of us so we can work out how we could use your help.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have any queries about your child or things that are happening around the school.

Nga mihi

Cath, Colin, Alice, Larisa, Caty and Gill.