

Nikau News Term 3 2024

Kia ora koutou and welcome to Term Three.

Curriculum Our universal concept for the year continues to be **Exploration**. This concept is woven through much of our daily learning across the curriculum and we continue to explore that through the big ideas of

- Exploration is learning
- Exploration opens our eyes
- Exploration is when I wonder

We also continue to use the Depth and Complexity tools to support deeper and broader thinking across the curriculum.

Literacy This term our focus started with reading and writing poetry. We are currently working on explicitly teaching sentence structures and then will move into exploring persuasive texts. Whilst there will be a focus on teaching the structure and specific features of this text type, we will continue to read and write for authentic purposes throughout the term. As opportunities present themselves, we will use these to complete learning, examples include the Olympics, The Assumption of Mary and Father's Day.

Mathematics We started the term finishing off our multiplication and division learning unit. Now we are using the Olympics as a motivation to read and analyse data representations such as graphs. On Friday we will finish this unit by competing in our very own maths Olympics. This will include the chance for students to use measurement skills and addition strategies and facts in a fun and engaging way.

After this learning we will move into our next unit on understanding and working with fractions. Students will work on being able to recognise, read, write, represent, and order common fractions. We will finish the term with a focus on time, learning how to read both analog and digital clocks.

Please continue to support your child at home with their mathematics skills. We encourage students to practise basic facts via the prototec website [Prototec Ltd.](https://www.prototec.co.uk/) You can print worksheets off this as well. If you have questions about the level they should be working at on prototec your child's teacher will be able to help.

Religious Education We started the term learning more about the Sacraments of Initiation. Look out for an illustration of this learning due to come home this Thursday. Later in the term we have a focus on the way Jesus teaches us how to love. This includes exploring a number of parables in our learning. In Week 8 we will celebrate Social Justice Week with the theme of "choose forgiveness, know peace." We have a great wealth of special resources to use from Caritas to help with this learning.

Science In the second part of the term we will explore heat energy and how mammals and birds keep warm.

Physical Education We have a focus on the target games for the first half of the term and will then move into athletics skills for the second half. Target games focus on working together, developing accuracy when throwing an object towards a target and exploring a variety of actions using correct technique.

The Arts This term our big focus is developing, practising and performing 'The Bee Musical'. The focus will be on drama, singing and creating our props and backgrounds for our performance. We will perform this for you in Week 8 (date below). We are also going to watch a performance of Finding Nemo Junior by the Musical Stars Performance Trust. We look forward to watching a number of students from our school in this production.

Technology The students will research, design and create a range of props and background sets for our performance. Thinking about the best materials to use for this.

Kura Ahurea/Te Reo We continue our Kapa Haka sessions over the term and will explore the pūrākau Ngā Motu which is about the Kupe and the three islands in Wellington harbour. We will practise the questions and answers to 'he aha tō hiahia?' or 'what do you want?'

Reminders/Notices We said farewell to Miss Fitzgerald at the end of Term 2 as she headed off to the UK, and we warmly welcome Miss O'Sullivan-Glynn to Room 9. She will be the teacher in Room 9 until the end of the year. Mrs Naama has given birth to a beautiful baby boy, and both baby and Mum are doing well. We welcome Mrs Cagalawan to Room 8 from next week and she will also be in Room 8 until the end of the year.

If you are wondering how you can help your child with their learning at home this Ministry of Education website has a range of great ideas to support you. [Ideas to help with reading, writing and maths.](#)

Please continue to ensure your child has their PE uniform (if owned) and appropriate sports shoes for physical education each Monday and Wednesday.

Toys from home and trading cards such as Pokémon are not permitted at school. We have plenty of activities for the children to do so we don't expect them to need to bring anything extra to school.

If your child has a phone, please ensure they know to give it to their teacher in the morning who will look after it for the school day.

If you need to make contact with any of the teachers please don't hesitate to contact us via admin@stpeterpaul.school.nz, nikaua@stpeterpaul.school.nz or phone the office.

Dates for your Diaries

Feast of the Assumption Mass 9:15 am 15 August at church *all welcome.*

Book Week 19-23 August

The Bee Musical Performance 1:30pm Friday 13 September at the church *all welcome to watch us perform.*

Learning Conferences from 3:15-8pm Thursday 19 September and from 3:15-8pm Tuesday 24 September