

# TE PUNA NEWSLETTER/PĀNUI



TERM 3  
2024

## Welcome to Term 3 2024 in the Te Puna Team!

### TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS:

Week 1: CM Sport sessions (for 5 weeks)  
Week 2:  
Week 3: Move-a-thon week; Cook Island Language Week  
Week 4: Move-a-thon week; Kite flying  
Week 5: Move-a-thon finishes; Tongan Language Week  
Week 6: Poetry/Speech Recitals In Class  
Week 7: Poetry/Speech Recital Finals Thursday 5th September 9.15am  
Week 8: Te Puna 'Learning Through Play' open afternoon Friday 13th September 2pm  
Week 9: Te wiki o te reo Maori (Maori Language Week)  
Week 10:  
We always love and appreciate any whānau support for our events. If you or your family would be keen to help, bring your expertise or experiences, PLEASE get in touch with your child's teacher!



### KITES

As part of our 'Identity' Inquiry around the legend of Manurewa, Hub 1 and Hub 2 will be making large kites. There was a cost on Hero to cover materials for this activity. Te Puna Iti will be making different kites in class.

**We would love to invite you to come and watch us flying these kites (weather permitting)**

- Hub 1 and Te Puna Iti- 2.30pm Wednesday 14th August
- Hub 2 - 2.30pm Thursday 15th August

### TERM 3 CURRICULUM FOCUS:

- **Literacy:** We use the Better Start Literacy Approach to support our tamariki in Reading, Writing and Oral Language. Keep an eye out for notices in students' Literacy Links book regarding what your child is learning and how you can support them at home.
- **Numeracy:** This term students will be working on both addition and subtraction (and multiplication and division problems as appropriate) in class, along with continuation of number knowledge which is vital for students in the foundational stages of their learning. To help at home, you can practice skip counting with your child starting with 2s, 5s and 10's, and for the Y3s - rote learning 2s, 5s, 10s times tables and skip counting in 3s. We will also be exploring 'geometry'.
- **P.E:** We are lucky to be working with Counties Manukau Sport on a Fundamental Movement Skills programme. The FMS programme will be a 30 min session per week over 5 weeks. There will be a focus on balance, hop, jump, throw and catch and lastly skip. Later in the term, we will move into Athletics skills - discus, shot put, long jump and sprints.
- **Inquiry:** We are finishing our Inquiry on 'Identity' where we have been learning about the story of Manurewa and the story of our school. We are looking forward to making kites as part of this Inquiry. We also continue our focus on **Learning Through Play** and using our 'shared picture books' as motivation for play provocations. Later in the term and into term 4, we will be developing further the concept of 'Sustainability' and linking this learning around 'the garden'.

## JOIN US FOR "WHĀNAU TIME!"

We would like to welcome our Te Puna whānau (parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other wider family) to join us on **Friday 13th September (Week 8) any time between 2-3pm for an open afternoon in our Te Puna and Te Puna Iti classes.**

This will be a relaxed environment where whānau are welcome to come along and join us to have a look at what our tamariki have been learning in class, and through our 'Learning Through Play' experiences.

You can listen to them read a story from their writing book, check out their artwork, read a favourite story to them from our library corner and interact with our Learning Through Play provocations.

Whānau are welcome to pop in and out during this time, or split time between multiple classrooms if you have more than one child in our team.

We hope to see you there!

## REMINDERS:

- **Uniform:** Please remember to name ALL items of uniform. This makes it much easier for items to be returned to our tamariki. Hats are not required in Term 3.
- **Bookbags:** It is essential that children bring their bookbag to school EVERY DAY. Without this, they are unable to bring home readers, library books and important notices with information regarding learning and upcoming events. Research shows that children are at an advantage when reading to whānau at home. Thanks for your support!
- **Learning Online:** Please continue to make use of the online subscriptions for Reading Eggs/ Reading Express and Maths Seeds/ Maths Seeds Prime. They are a fun interactive way of supporting learning in these 2 areas.
- **Please see the notices on HERO re Poetry/ Speeches** for this term-
  - In class presentations Week 6 27th and 28th August
  - Poetry/Speech Finals - Week 7 Thursday 5th September 9.15am



We appreciate the ongoing support with your child's learning. If there is anything that we can help with, please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards, Te Puna Iti- Gloria

Te Puna 1 - Amy, Katja and Shannon

Te Puna 2 - Sarah, Alisha, Krysten and Jasmine