



Adventure School

Tōtara Syndicate Newsletter – Term 4, 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we have now moved into Term Four. The year seems to be racing by, though we still have quite a lot to get across the line before we start considering the summer break. The following newsletter gives you an indication of what we will be up to over the next couple of months.

Curriculum

Students are putting final touches to their NZ History Inquiries in preparation for the History Fair that will be held in the Hall on Wednesday of Week Three (30 October). We will be sending a reminder out closer to the date, but it would be great if you could pencil it in. Perhaps you could also pass the message on to other family members to come and experience the hard work students have put in to make their area of investigation both informative and entertaining.

We will be launching our last Inquiry of the year after the History Fair. The unit is called “Show us what you are made of!” - a science based study of the material world that also embraces technology and innovation. Students will have the opportunity to work with recently acquired tools that assist with the teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Structured Literacy will remain a focus of our morning sessions, with classes moving from complex sentence construction through to paragraph and whole text construction. We will also continue to emphasize the importance of the proofreading and editing stages of the writing process.

Our strand focus for maths moves from Geometry to Algebra. We will also be looking at some areas of Probability (probability trees and chance) as well as Financial Literacy (budgeting, simple and compound interest).

Outside of the classroom.

Athletics training will dominate the first week of the term as we prepare for Senior Athletics Day on Monday of Week 2 (21 October). There will also be other sporting opportunities with a Tiaki Ariki Tournament in Week 2 (24 October) and a Girls Cricket Tournament on Wednesday of Week 4 (6 November). Technicraft starts up again on Thursday of Week 1; please remember it is an earlier start on those days - your child needs to be at school by 8.30am, so that we can take the roll and get onto the buses.

That's it from the team at Tōtara. If you have any questions about the above, please don't hesitate to contact me at mhughes@adventure.school.nz

Thanks and regards

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