



Term Three NEWSLETTER

Kia ora, Talofa, Malo e leleli, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi
Atu, Taloha Ni, Ni sa bula, Namaste, Ni Hao.

We hope you all enjoyed a restful break and are feeling refreshed for the exciting term ahead. This term, our Conceptual Curriculum focus is on Music, where students will explore rhythm, sound, and creative expression. Their learning will be displayed in the classroom in Week 9, where students will showcase what they've learnt throughout the term.

In the classroom, students will also be developing their public speaking skills through speeches and debates. These learning opportunities will help build confidence, critical thinking, and effective communication in a supportive environment.

We also have a few key events coming up:

- Cross Country will take place in week 2 this term
- A Literacy Information Evening for Parents is also planned, where you can learn more about how we teach reading and writing and how to support your child at home.

We're looking forward to another fantastic term of learning, growth, and creativity together!

Kind Regards
Team Paapua

Sports camp

This term, forty Paapua students will proudly represent Conifer Grove School at Sports Camp, competing against teams from eight other schools. We're excited to announce that 40 athletes have been selected and have already begun training for this major event.

In an exciting update, three new sports have been added to the camp lineup this year: American Flag Football, Table Tennis, and Hungerball.

A Sports Camp Parent Information Evening was held in Week 1 on Tuesday afternoon. To prepare for camp in Week 10, all selected students will take part in weekly training sessions every Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:15pm.

Term Three Important Dates

- Week 1, Tuesday 15th July, 6 pm Sports Camp Hui
- Week 1, Friday 18th July, Paapua non-uniform day (Sports Camp fundraiser)
- Week 2, Friday 25th July, Whole School Cross Country
- Week 3, Monday 28th July, Teacher Only Day
- Week 3, Tuesday 29th July, Year 7 Counties Netball
- Week 3, Thursday 31st July – North Counties Cross Country
- Week 5, Tuesday 12th August 6 pm– Parent Information Evening (Te Mātaiaho – Literacy)
- Week 5, Wednesday 13th August – Mathex competition. (Y7 at 6 pm and Y8 at 7 pm)
- Week 5 Thursday, 14th August – Paapua bake sale
- Week 8, Friday 5th September – Teacher Only day
- Week 9, Thursday 11th September – Father's Day raffle draw (Paapua Sports Camp Fundraiser)
- Week 9, Friday 12th September – 11:45 – 1:15: Senior School: Music Walk About
- Week 10, Monday 15th– 19th September – Paapua Sports Camp

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Learning

Concept: Change

Our overarching big idea for the year is: "Change occurs in different ways, which may initiate opportunities, reactions, and/or challenges." This term, our context for exploring this idea is Music. Students will investigate musical elements such as rhythm, beat, tempo, and sound, and explore how music can express identity, tell stories, and reflect change across cultures.

They will make connections to music from Aotearoa and around the world, gaining insight into how music influences and is influenced by people and place. As a culmination of their learning, each class will apply their new knowledge and skills to create a display that reflects their understanding. These will be shared during our whole-school walk-around in Week 9, allowing students to proudly present what they have learned and created throughout the term.

Mathematics:

We're also excited to begin our journey with the Maths — No Problem programme, which supports the refreshed New Zealand Mathematics Curriculum. From this term, students will learn in their year-level groups in different classrooms, Monday to Friday, from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm. This structure allows for more targeted teaching and ensures that students are learning at a pace and level appropriate to their needs.

We're looking forward to a term full of mathematical growth and success!

Writing:

This term, students will explore persuasive writing through topics that spark personal interest or connect to relevant social issues. The main focus will be on generating strong, convincing ideas and expressing them clearly through well-structured sentences. Students will learn how to develop their thinking and organise it in a way that makes their point of view easy to understand. Through writing speeches and debates, they will practise crafting varied sentence structures to make their arguments more engaging and effective.

Reading:

This term, all students will focus on developing their inference skills during reading sessions. Using Level 3 and 4 School Journals and novels, students will apply strategies to better understand texts. Beginners will work on decoding and fluency while simultaneously building their ability to make simple inferences. More advanced readers will deepen their skills by exploring local, complex, and global inferences, enhancing their comprehension and critical thinking.

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This term in Physical Education, students will focus on developing key skills in large ball activities, including striking, catching, throwing, and kicking. These will be applied in a range of games, helping to build confidence, coordination, and teamwork. Students will also be introduced to the fundamentals of American Flag Football, Volleyball, and Basketball, learning basic rules and strategies. Alongside this, all students will participate in weekly Cross Country training to improve fitness.