

# TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

16th July 2025



## Welcome to Term 3!

Kia Ora Whanake Whaanau. We hope students and families had a fun and relaxing term break, making the most of some of the unusually stunning weather we have had for this time of year!

It's hard to believe we are already half-way through our year of learning. We are excited to see our learners continue to grow in confidence as the term progresses.

This term, our value focus in Manaaki (Caring). We encourage Whaanau to reinforce caring behaviours in the home, as this consistency will support students to build this essential life skill.

## Important Dates:

- Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> July: Whole School Cross Country
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July: Teacher Only Day
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August: Parent Information Evening - Te Mataiaho Literacy
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August: North Counties Cross Country
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September: Teacher Only Day
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September: North Counties Basketball
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September: Senior School Music Walk About

## Term 3 Learning

### Reading

Whanake continues our focus on reading comprehension skills - skimming and scanning to find information quickly, summarising a story and successfully inferencing a piece of text. We will also continue to investigate rich vocabulary we discover in our shared novel or sophisticated picture books.

### Writing

This term students will be learning all about adding interesting detail to create impact in their writing. From adding adjectives and strong verbs to nouns, to incorporating a variety of language features (similes, personification and alliteration) these skills will enhance their pieces of text.

### Mathematics

The new maths curriculum commences. Straight after morning tea, students will go to their maths teachers and work alongside peers in the same year level. This learning uses a funnel approach; when a new concept is learned it constantly gets revisited and built upon, ensuring that learning is committed to long-term memory.

### Conceptual

This one is fun! We will explore how music has changed over time, how it evokes certain memories and emotions, how Maaori have used music to tell their stories throughout history and much more. Learners will have the opportunity to curate their own pieces and music and share this with peers.