



# Tātahi 2

## Term 2 2018

### Welcome back to school for Term 2

We trust you have had a restful holiday and have managed to have a relaxing break. Tātahi 2 teachers have been working hard over the break devising amazing programmes to assist your child's progress. We are very excited about our topic: Food Glorious Food. This is going to be a very hands on and enjoyable unit learning about the importance of healthy food and the technology of food packaging.

**Things We Need:** Newspapers, ice-cream containers, egg cartons and tubes. If you have any of these things we would love them to help with student learning.

**Learning Through Play:** Each Friday morning from 9.15 we run a Learning Through Play session with Year 1 students. These opportunities are another way our students practise skills such as working together, oral language, perseverance, relating to others etc. You are most welcome to visit and be part of the fun.

*We look forward to our second amazing term with your little learners!*

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**School begins** at 8:55 am. In order to have teacher preparation time, students won't be allowed inside the class until 8:30 am.

### Dates this term

**7 May**— Whole School Assembly 9.20am

**13 May**—Mother's Day

**18 May**—Pink Shirt Day

**4 June** - Queen's Birthday

**7 June**—Matariki is due to begin.



**15 June**—Whanau Fun Day

**6 July**—Last Day of Term 2

**Seesaw** We love sharing your child's learning on Seesaw. We hope you love it too. If you aren't signed up yet get in touch and we can help.



**Lunchtime** is from 12.30 to 1.30. Students are required to sit down for the first ten minutes to eat their lunch before being allowed to go and play.

### Winter Term Reminders

Winter months are notoriously wet and muddy. We ask that children remove their shoes before coming into the classroom to help preserve our carpets. Then put them on again when outside to help preserve their socks.

Students are welcome to bring along slippers to wear inside.

Unfortunately winter brings with it, coughs and sneezes. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and contact the office to let them know.



### Kiwisport

This term students will be participating in Kiwisport with Paraparaumu College students. This is a fun and exciting opportunity. These sessions will be held each Monday at 2pm from 28th May.

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## English

Classroom reading, writing and oral language programmes will continue to be priorities in our classrooms. Children love stories and we encourage you to read with your child each day. Our focus in this term is writing for a purpose.

Home spelling begins this term. Children will come home with their spelling notebook on a Monday and return with it on a Friday for a spelling quiz.

## The Arts Visual Arts



Students will engage with different media to create visual art related to Matariki.

## Mathematics

Our numeracy focus in Term 2 is addition and subtraction strategies. We will be learning effective ways of counting on and back from the largest number to solve number problems as well as doubles, near doubles and splitting numbers. Other strand areas covered this term are shapes and probability.

**Mathletics** is part of our mathematics programme so please encourage your child to use Mathletics at home.

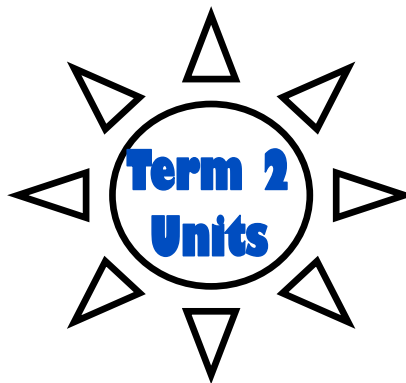


## Topic

### Food Glorious Food

Tātahi 2 start the term with a special visit by Harold from Life Education. He will ignite our students learning about of topic this term.

The big idea is 'Where does our food come from?' We will be learning about food and food groups, where our food comes from and food packaging. A fun, hands on topic.



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## Values

*Cooperation*

*Respect*

*Excellence*

*Self-Management*

*Tolerance*

## Key Competency Focus

*Relating to others*

*Participating and*

*Contributing*

*Managing Self*

## Health and PE

### Fitness/Endurance/Stamina

This term we will be increasing our fitness and PE skills by practising skipping and jumping. We will develop our skills with playing with balls and ball games such as basketball and soccer. Loads of fitness fun to be had. We encourage your child to wear sneakers to school to keep their feet well supported.



## Te Reo Māori

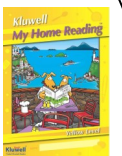
### Nga Kupu Whakahau Matariki

Students will learn about commands and use a range of topic related Te Reo Māori. We will also learn and celebrate Matariki, the Māori New Year which begins on 7 June. This term Kapahaka also begins with Matua Rangī. Our kids love learning new waiata together.



## Home Learning

Many students are over 50 nights reading in their Yellow Reading Log. Children will continue to bring home either a guided reader which they have read with their teacher or a browsing book from their independent book boxes. This term each week children will also have either High Frequency Words or Spelling words to learn. We encourage them to do one activity each day from the Spelling Tic-Tac-Toe board in their notebook. On Fridays students will have a spelling quiz. Please encourage and help your child to learn their words and fill out



Please help your little learner by putting their spelling notebook in their book bags each Friday.