

# Term 4 Newsletter

## Matatea (Yr 3/4)



A warm welcome back to school to everyone. It's extraordinary to think we're already planning for the end of the year! Students and teachers alike were very ready for these holidays so we hope everyone has made the most of the much-needed break and the students are feeling rested and refreshed for the term ahead. Term 4 is a busy one with lots of events scheduled.

We are excited to welcome two new students to our team this term, Diane Yuan (HB13) and Leo Scott (HB15). Also, a belated welcome to Miguel Medeiros who joined HB13 in week 6 of Term 3.

### Term 4 Calendar of Events

#### Week 1

- School Photos - 14th-16th October
  - All year 3-4 homebases are scheduled for their class photo on Thursday 15th October. Please ensure students are in the correct uniform - [Uniform Guidelines](#).
- Meeting for parent helpers at camp - Wednesday 14th October, 5:30pm (Staffroom)

#### Week 2

- Life Education - 2x sessions per homebase (over weeks 2-4)
- Kids for Kids Concert (Junior Choir) - Wednesday 21st October
  - 8:00am - 1pm: Rehearsal - Horncastle Arena
  - 6pm - Horncastle Arena
- Year 4 Camp, Blue Skies, Kaiapoi - Thursday 22nd - Friday 23rd October
- Year 3 Activity Days - Thursday 22nd - Friday 23rd October
  - Picnic lunch at Foster Park from 12:30pm on Friday 23rd October

#### Weeks 3 & 4 (Labour Day - Monday, week 3)

- Swimming - HBs 13, 14 and 15

#### Week 5 (Show Day - Friday)

- Road Safety Week
  - Safety around trucks session - Tuesday 10th November

#### Week 6

- Teacher Only Day - Monday 16th November

#### Week 7

- Orana Park Trip - Monday 23rd November
  - to see our enrichment objects in action!

Still to be confirmed

- End of Year Celebration Assembly; Junior 'Run, Jump, Throw' event

## Learning Focus

**Our Big idea:** How contributing to society through innovation leads to positive change.

**Our Context:** Animal Welfare

**Our Key Questions:**

- Relationships: How does participating and contributing support positive relationships across society?
- Innovation: How can identifying needs and creating solutions lead to improved animal welfare?
- Change: How have our actions led to positive change? (Reflection)

We are focusing on the Clearview competencies of being **creative** and **curious**.

**Goal:** to design and create an artefact that enriches the life of an animal.

For the first few weeks of term, the focus will be on creating the item that the students have designed so that these can be delivered to either the SPCA or Orana Park by the end of week 4. Students will be documenting their 'build' journey so they can then produce a digital artefact as a record of their learning.

Hopefully, students have been collecting some of the materials they will need for their creations over the holidays. These materials, and any others that you may have to donate (as per the list sent at the end of term 3 e.g. cardboard, tubes, fabric, rope etc.), can be brought to school from Monday.

In the second half of the term, we will focus on Science and the concept of 'change'.

## Year 3 Activity Days - Thursday 22nd/Friday 23rd October

While the year 4 students are at camp, the year 3 students will be participating in a variety of activities including music, dance, drama and PE.

- Students can wear muffi (appropriate for being active/lots of movement)
- Picnic lunch at Foster Park playground (weather dependent) from 12:30 pm - parents welcome to join us for lunch

## Admin

**BYOD** - If your child brings their own device, please encourage them to bring them daily. We are integrating more and more digital learning into our programme and do rely on the BYOD devices to be here to ensure there are enough to go around. It is also important for the children to bring headphones to use with their own or a school device.

**Stationery** - The start of the term is a good time for students to check their pencil cases to make sure they have everything they need for learning. Please send along any spare stationery if you have it at home.

**Sun Safety** - A reminder that hats (school bucket hats) are compulsory in Term 4. Now is a really good time to check that hats are named (often these can wash off). Also, if your child is sensitive or allergic to common sunscreen brands, it would be advisable if they brought their own sunscreen to school.

## Important Allergy Information - Reminder

As we have a student with a severe peanut allergy in our team, we are asking parents and whānau to consider avoiding sending snacks/lunches to school that include peanuts. Where this isn't possible, it would be helpful for students to understand when they do have peanut products in their lunches so that we can organise the food-eating area safely for all students. We thank you for your understanding on this.

Teachers are generally available in their homebases from 8.30am for informal catch-ups or for touching base. Emails are a useful method for sharing information like expected absences, notice of appointments etc. If you have any issues or concerns that you'd like us to be aware of, we are happy to arrange a meeting with you to discuss these. Please contact your child's homebase teacher in the first instance. Issues requiring management oversight or intervention are passed to Cara.

**A reminder that any information or thoughts that you'd like to be considered for next year's class placements need to be sent, in writing, to Cara ([carac@clearview.school.nz](mailto:carac@clearview.school.nz)) by Friday 16th October (end of week 1).**

We are excited to get this term underway and are looking forward to seeing you and your children, sharing their successes, and celebrating their learning. Please always feel welcome to pop into our learning spaces at any time if you would like to.

Ngā mihi nui  
Matatea Teachers



HB13's Wacky Wigs and Hair Day!

