

Room 9, Term 2 Newsletter 2021



Kia ora Whanau.

Welcome back to a brand new term at Mangatawhiri School.

Camp

What a great way to start Term 2. It was fantastic to see the resilience, the team work, encouragement and support everyone offered each other as they faced new and demanding challenges as well as opportunities to show skills outside of the classroom.



Year 7 & 8 Technology

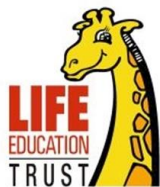
In Term 2, Room 9 will be attending technology on a Wednesday in even weeks. This term Year 7 students will be working in the Hard materials workshop and Year 8's will be in the Food technology workshop.

Cracking the Code

Cracking the Code is the name of Mangatawhiri School's new approach to teaching spelling and reading. It is a phonics based system (created by Liz Kane) which starts in the Junior School. In Year 7&8 we will be running focussed spelling sessions 3x per week, with a focus on a specific spelling pattern or concept. Some students may bring home spelling words to learn. With practising these at home, students will consolidate what they are learning in class and be more likely to become more confident spellers and in time, writers. Keep an eye out for these new lists of words and encourage your child to learn them. We appreciate your support with this. We will be holding parent information sessions regarding this. Keep an eye out for dates and times in the weekly school newsletter.

Life Education Caravan

Harold and the Life Educator are revisiting us this term in week 3&4 to reinforce messages on health and well being.



Youthtown

We have the energetic Sport Coaches from Youthtown visiting us again this term on a fortnightly basis on a Tuesday. Room 9 will be working on Soccer skills to set us up for our Franklin Soccer Tournament and Cooperative games to work on teamwork and problem solving. .

X Man

The X Man, Kaitiaki extraordinaire, is back at the end of the term to continue to grow our awareness about environmental issues and what we can do to make a difference.

Conflict Inquiry

Our theme this term is 'Conflict'. We have based our learning around an amazing new novel called 'Refugee' written by Alan Gratz. It is written from the perspectives of 3 tweens. Josef, in Nazi Germany, 1930's, Isabel, a Cuban girl in 1994, and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015. Through this novel, we hope the students will deepen their understanding of conflict in a historical sense, and then start to ask questions about conflict

and conflict resolution. It may make for some interesting conversations around the dinner table.

The entire book is recorded on youtube and if your child is away, we encourage them to catch up on this at home so they can keep up with us. We are also seeking people to visit us to share about War or 'Conflict' from any perspective. Please let us know if this something you can help us with.



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Speeches

We continue to encourage our Y7/8 students to participate in our school speech competition. It is optional. We will support them to get these started at school, but we encourage parent support/input from home. Winners from our school speech competition will continue to Franklin at the end of the term.

Important Dates for Term 2:

MAY

- 13th-14th Noho at Kerepehi School - Selected students
- 20th - Netsafe Parent/Staff Session 3-4pm
- 20th - 26th - Life Education Sessions
- 21st - PINK SHIRT DAY - Anti-Bullying awareness

JUNE

- 3rd - Franklin Y7/8 Soccer Tournament
- 7th - Book Week
- 7th - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
- 8th - Seesaw Parent Information Session
- 14th - School Speeches week
- 22nd - GRIP Leadership Conference. House Leaders and Deputies.
- 28th - X man Sessions

JULY

- 5th - X Man Sessions
- 7th - Franklin Speeches Y 7/8
- 8th - Matariki Celebration Day
- 9th- Term 2 Ends!

Kind Regards,

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