



HONGOEKA SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER

Term 4 2020

17th October 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcome students and families back to the final term of the year! We want you to be kept well informed about what is happening in your child's class and the syndicate. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher at any stage to check what's happening.

HONGOEKA LEARNING

Below is an outline of what we will be learning, so that you can support your child with their learning at home.

- ❖ **Writing:** Weeks 1-6 is speech writing - oral language techniques, planning, writing and presenting a speech.
- ❖ **Maths:** Algebra (number patterns, expressions and sequences). Children will also be revising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies.
- ❖ **Reading:** Plays - Students will be working in small groups to look at the features of plays and interactions of characters. They will be working together to practise and perform their play.
- ❖ **P.E** - Swimming and small ball skills.
- ❖ **Health** - Week 1 - Week 3, Digital Citizenship and body changes. This is to finish off the health that was not covered last term.
- ❖ **Science** - Week 4 - Week 8, we will be exploring the material world and the nature of science. Each week students will take part in a science experiment. They will make predictions, record observations and learn the science behind the experiment.

Speeches

In weeks 1 to 4, students will write and deliver a speech topic of their choice to their class. The speech will be about something they are already very familiar with, as this is not a research project. Students are expected to **write the speech themselves** at school.

To support students with writing their speech, we will work on skills to improve planning, drafting, and editing. We ask that you do not write or edit your child's speech for them.

In order to prepare students for delivering their speeches, they will take part in a range of oral language activities and will also analyse other people's speeches to identify what an effective speech looks like.

Please support your child by talking with them about possible speech ideas, listening to your child's speech and feeding back to them how they could improve their delivery.

Use of Chromebooks:

Chromebooks are used in Hongoeka to support learning. A reminder that during school times these should be used only for learning in class. If you need to send a message to your child, please go through the office. As a syndicate, we teach children about what it means to be a good digital citizen and we encourage students to be good digital citizens.

Swimming

Please encourage your child to participate in swimming this term, week 3 and weeks 6, 7 & 8

Our focus in swimming this term is water safety. If you have any milk bottles, rope, life jackets (please name) or any other flotation devices we could borrow, please send them along to school by week 3 so we can use them.

Swimming timetable - Term 4 2020

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
9.00 - 9:50	Room 17	Room 20	Room 22	Room 21	
10:00 -10:50	Room 19	Room 18	Room 16	Room 23	Room 14
11.00 -11.20	Morning Interval				
11.20 - 12.05		Room 23	Room 15	Room 19	
12.10- 12:55	Room 15	Room 21	Room 14	Room 22	Room 20
1.00 - 2.00	Lunch Interval				
2.00 - 2.50	Room 16	Kapa Haka	Room 17		Room 18

Math-a-thon

Math-a-thon is a great fundraising opportunity for Plimmerton School. Last term students received sponsorship forms - please let your teacher know if you have not seen this! Over the next two weeks, your child will be given time in class to practice their math-a-thon questions. Students are encouraged to practice these questions at home as well.

Fergs Kayak and Climb - Water Awareness

In Week 4 (Wednesday 4th November - Friday 6th November), Hongoeka students will have the opportunity to learn or refine their kayaking skills through Fergs Kayaks. They will also have an opportunity to do indoor rock-climbing walls. You should have received details in a previous email.

Homework

Students are expected to do some Mathletics at home for math practice. For spelling, they need to practice words handed out by their teacher or source on Quizlet or Google Classroom. Finally, students are expected to be regularly reading for enjoyment.

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The Hongoeka Syndicate Team