

Te Pihinga Hub Newsletter Term 2, #3 2019

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Kia Ora Parents. We are now well into the term, with lots of learning and activities happening. Welcome to Holly and Joel - it is lovely to have you with us.

The aim of this newsletter is to communicate with you about what is happening in our hub with events and learning and to remind you of hub and school expectations and celebrations.

Maths Learning

All classes are now learning Multiplicative/Division strategies. This may result in a bit of movement between groups, so please do ask if you are unsure where your child is working. Teachers are also carrying out maths testing, in preparation for writing reports.

If you would like to know alternative ways to learn basic facts, Jo Boaler is recognised worldwide for her research in this area. Have a look at [this article from "youcubed"](#) if you would like to know more.

L.I.G.H.T.S

Last week the children reflected on their "L" learning, by becoming experts on a topic and creating a pool of knowledge with their team. There was lots of deep learning in these activities, including learning to collaborate, making connections between learning areas, along with giving and receiving constructive feedback. Come and see the pools of knowledge and connections in the learning spaces! This week the children will decide which area of "Food" they wish to delve into more deeply, looking at alternative solutions to the problems they have already identified.



Cross Country Time Trial

Reading

If your child has brought home a reading log in the last two weeks, please encourage them to continue filling it out and return it to school. There are some interesting questions on the sheet that will help to get them thinking more deeply about what they are reading.

Spelling

Remember spelling notebooks go home every Thursday with new words in them. We expect Year 3-6 students to manage themselves in this area, but encouragement and support from parents never goes amiss. Please help them remember THURSDAY I NEED MY SPELLING NOTEBOOK AT SCHOOL! If it is forgotten, a reminder note will come home and children will need to transfer the words to their spelling book at home.

Reminders

Sweets and gum

Just a reminder that sweets and chewing gum should not be coming to school.

Learning Times

Learning time begins at 8:55am. Please ensure you have said goodbye to your child when the bell rings so teachers can move promptly to taking the roll. You will need to notify the office if your child arrives later than 8:55 am. To ensure a smooth, calm start to the day, teachers are not available for conversations after 8:50am. We are in class at 8:30 and available for casual conversations, and also available at 3pm. If you would like an extended chat, please book a time after school with your child's kōhanga teacher.

Up-and-Coming Events

Wk 5	Mon 27 May	Zone X-Country 2019 at Halswell Quarry Park.
Wk 5	Tue & Thu	Yr 5 & 6 Rippa Team training - Continues for the Yr 5-6 squad. Please bring a mouth-guard.
Wk 5	Wed 29 May	N.Z.E.I. Union strike - School closed for the whole day.
WK 6	Mon 3 June	Queen's Birthday Weekend - Public holiday Life Education Van with Harold the Giraffe
Wk 7	Mon 10 June Thu 13 June	PCG - Lapathon and Zone Rippa Tournament Life Education Van arrives
Wk 8	Fri 21 June	Lapathon Money due in Rolleston Christian School Cross Country
Wk 10	Tue 2 July	Yr 0-4 Cross Country Challenge at Hillview Christian School

MAKING CONNECTIONS AND CRITICALLY THINKING...

