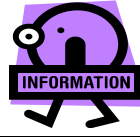


# Term 2 News Letter



Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful sunshine we have had over the last few weeks. It was certainly great to get out and about and enjoy the stunning environment we live in.

During the first few weeks of this term we are going to be focusing on 'Values' and the importance of what 'Values' mean and how they help shape who we are today and in the future. The children will be setting academic and personal goals they wish to achieve this term and will need to identify the 'values' they need to achieve their goals. This ties in with being 'Global Tairua Citizens'.



## MATHS:

Our focus for the first part of the term will be 'Money'. The students will look at the value of money and its everyday use. They will learn different strategies to work out and understand money including addition, subtraction and multiplication problems. They will also be having their weekly basic facts test so please keep them on task with learning their times tables.



## LITERACY:

Our writing focus for the first part of the term is 'Descriptive writing' looking at the use of words and how we can use powerful words to describe people, places and things. This will include looking at the five senses i.e. what does it feel like, smell like, taste like, look like and sound like.

We will also be doing 'Report writing' including classification, description, location, characteristics and a conclusion. The students will write reports on a variety of topics including their chosen New Zealand Native bird that they are going to study.



Our Reading focus for the first part of the term will be reading fiction and non-fiction stories to gain facts and information about New Zealand Native birds. The students will be learning note taking skills and how to find information that is relevant to the bird they are studying. They will also be focusing on comprehension, vocab and meaning of the text they are reading.



### *Inquiry Learning:*

Our Inquiry Learning focus for the first part of the term is New Zealand Native Birds. We will be looking at what makes a bird native to New Zealand, identifying pests and predators and the impact they have on our native birds, identify special features and characteristics about New Zealand native birds and understand the impact that humans have on our native birds. Each student will research and gather information about a New Zealand native bird i.e. its habitat, species, unique features, appearances, cultural importance, population, food, breeding, predators and lifespan etc. The students will then learn the necessary I.C.T skills they need to present their information as a Power Point presentation using the school net books.



### *Homework:*

Homework will continue this term in a similar way to last term. Can you please assist your child where needed and like always I expect homework to be completed to a high standard. Each week three students will be chosen to bring some current events news in to share on a Thursday morning for oral language.



### *P.E:*

This term we will be doing daily fitness four mornings a week working on strength and stamina. We will also be covering winter sports skills in rugby, soccer and net ball preparing ourselves for the interschool winter sports competition later in the term.



### *Class Blog:*

I am not sure if you have visited our class Blog yet, which you can find under the 'Our Learning' tab @ [www.tairuaschool.com](http://www.tairuaschool.com) but it is a great way for you and your family to keep in touch with what the students in Room 4 are learning.



Remember you are welcome to pop in and visit any time if you have a concern or want to discuss your child's learning. You can also contact me via email: [Carin@tairua.school.nz](mailto:Carin@tairua.school.nz)

*Kind Regards Carin Hetherington* 😊

