

# TE WHĀNAU PĪRERE NEWSLETTER

Term 2 2023

## Dates of Interest

**Every Tuesday Afternoon**  
-Technology

**Every Thursday Afternoon** - Tech for Ngāi Ihu Pūmanawa students with Te Whānau Kōtuku students

**Every Mon/ Weds/Fri Afternoon from Week 2 (Mon 1st May - Week 4 Fri 19th May)**  
Cross Country Training

**Thursday 4th May**  
Des Hunt to Visit

**Monday 15th May**  
Immunisations for Year 7 and 8 Students

**Monday 22nd May/ 12th June/ 19th June/ 26th June**  
Gymnastics Lessons

**Tuesday 23rd May**  
NYLD for Year 8 Students

**Wednesday 24th May**  
School Cross Country Competition

**Thursday 25th May**  
School Cross Country Competition  
(postponement date)

**Monday 29th May**  
Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

**Friday 2nd June**  
Teacher Only Day

**Monday 5th June**  
King's Birthday

**Tuesday 6th June**  
Interschool Cross Country

**Friday 9th June**  
Paraparaumu College Open Day for Year 8 students

**Wednesday 21st June**  
Kāpiti College Open Day for Year 8 students

**Wednesday and Thursday 21st and 22nd June**  
Student Led Conferences  
- school closes at 12:30pm on Wednesday only

Science Fair Display

**Friday 30th June**  
Last Day of School

**School starts back for Term 3 on Monday 17th of July 2023**

Wow!! This year is going by really quickly, already it is Term 2— so, welcome back to school for 2023.

The purpose of this newsletter is to let you all know what we are doing in Rooms 9, 10, and 11 this term and where we are planning on going, as far as our learning is concerned. Rooms 10 and 11 are still working out of the Hall and Te Puna at this stage and there is no known timeframe for when we will be able to move back into the refurbished classrooms.

### Inquiry

We will begin the term with a focus on two major inquiries this term. These topics will include working on ANZAC awareness as well as learning about different Science topics, culminating in a Science Fair at the end of the term. We will also begin the first of two terms of learning a second language.

We will continue working on becoming global technically confident citizens with our ANZAC Day and Science work and how these topics affect us in many different ways.

### Maths

We are taking advantage of our cross-country running training by recording our training times to analyse more in-depth after the actual Cross Country date. This will help us to work out how to use statistics for real situations.

Further to this, students will be creating and conducting surveys that are pertinent to their world and then making recommendations based on the results that they gain—if you do get a survey from our senior students, please answer the form quickly and efficiently so that all results and answers can be taken into consideration. We are also looking at, and consolidating our knowledge of shapes, angles, and timetables.

Basic Facts knowledge and learning remain a focus for our classes, while at the same time working on our multiplication and division knowledge. You can help your child at home to quickly recall basic facts by helping them to answer basic maths questions within a 4-second time frame. All students are given Mathematics and Maths Homework sheets to be completed weekly — please encourage your child to complete these tasks as they correlate directly with their in-class workshops

### Literacy

In our writing and reading workshops, we are looking at non-fiction text with a growing understanding of report writing features and techniques, which in turn will help us with completing our Statistical Investigations and science experiments. We are learning to unpack sentences by using the Comprehensive Strategy Instruction programme which will help us to use different strategies to allow a deeper understanding of the text that we are reading.

### Health and Physical Education

We will be focusing on training for our cross-country competition. All Te Whānau Pīrere students will set goals for themselves around their running and will be keeping a log of the times and distances that they run during training.

From week 6, we are planning to attend gymnastics lessons at the Kāpiti Gymnasium for 4 lessons - the dates for these lessons are on the left-hand side of this page.

### Second Languages

As part of the Year 7 and 8 curriculum, students are required to learn a second language over a two-term period. The languages being taught are French, Spanish, and Sign Language. Please spend some time speaking with your child about what option they might want to learn.

### Year 8 Students

There are a lot of events coming up for Year 8 students based around their College placements and also for the William Pike Challenge. We will continue to endeavour to put ALL notices on the Te Whānau Pīrere Parents' Facebook page too— just in case you do not get notices brought home.

For those of you who are not currently on the page, the address for this page is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/704763844411156>.

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher.

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