

Atawhai Team Newsletter



TERM 4 | WEEK 3



This term

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 4. It's a busy term for us with lots of exciting things planned. Swimming will begin in Week 3. In Week 5, our team will begin Swimsation lessons. Each class will attend lessons daily over weeks 5 and 6, so students will need swimming togs, a towel, cap and a plastic bag for wet gear each day. If you don't have a cap these are available for sale in the office. Swimsation is government funded only for Year 3's and above, so if your child is Year 2 can you please arrange payment to ensure they can participate.

This week is Book Week at school - come along and see the book fair in the library before or after school. Friday afternoon is open for family to come in and read books with students. We'd love to hear some stories in other languages if you have a book you could bring in.

We are going to Birkenhead Leisure Centre in Week 4 for our Education Outside the Classroom programme - students will participate in rock climbing, camp cooking and bushcraft.

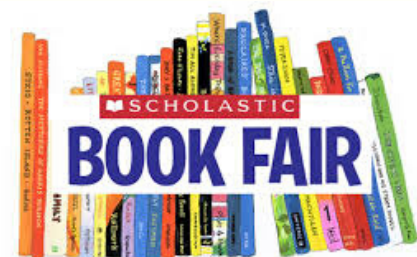
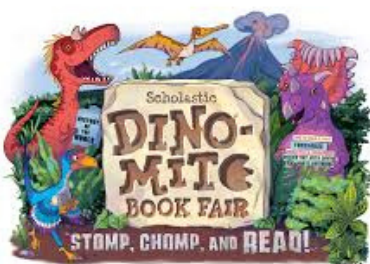
In week 7, we will hold a Year 2-3 Athletics day which we will let you know more about later.

Our Inquiry focus this term is on movie making and storytelling. Students are excited about script writing, prop and costume making and filming. We hope to have an open morning to share the movies at the end of the term.

As summer is now approaching we ask students to wear a hat when outside so please encourage your child to bring a hat to school each day. As the weather warms up please sunscreen your child before school, particularly during swimming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you in class or on our trip over the next few weeks!

Atawhai teachers - Julie, Hayley, Grace, Katrina and Latha



Room 7 book making with Kus

Room 7 spent some time with Kus this week and we started making the covers for some handmade books. We used a dropper and dripped dye down to the paper from a height. Once we had two colours mixed on the paper, we tilted the tray and made the dye run to create different effects.



Week 1 assembly



Rooms 6 and 7 performed the Three Little Pigs at team assembly last week. We had fun watching the actors perform this play and they had help from their class members who had created their props. This learning experience was contributed to our Inquiry project this term which is all about telling stories.

Room 8 Silhouette Art

In term 3 Room 8 learnt about mixing the primary colours to make lots of different colours. We spent a few lessons experimenting with colours to see what we could make then we learnt about what happens when we add white. We put our new skills to work and created some awesome silhouette art! We created our own colours for the background and then chose an animal to paint in black on top. Check out some of our awesome creations!



Student writing

Once there lived a unicorn. It was walking in the forest when it found a lion. They started fighting. The lion scratched the unicorn and the unicorn poked the lion's ear with it's horn. The unicorn's horn flew away and the unicorn followed it. After she took exactly 197 steps she realised that she was stepping in something watery. She looked down, she was in the ocean which was green. She thought for a while and then she knew it was poisonous mist!

By Likitha Room 9

One colourful midnight a unicorn fell out of a green plane while she was sleeping.

Finally it was morning. The unicorn said to herself "Wake up sleepy unicorn there's a... wait what??!! I'm in the middle of the sea!!!"

After one hour of being in the sea the unicorn saw poisonous mist! All of a sudden the mist teleported right in front of the unicorn. Finally the unicorn got out her vacuum cleaner and sucked up the mist.

The end.

By Archer Room 9