



PARNELL
DISTRICT SCHOOL

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Kia ora e te whānau,

This week we are launching a new Inquiry!

'Tūrangawaewae - A Place to Stand'

The deep understanding that we want all students to hold by the end of term is '**I Belong**'. Students will be exploring the concepts of **Belonging, Identity** and **Connection** through the Social Sciences, Aotearoa/New Zealand Histories and Music curriculum areas. Our students will be using the SOURCE inquiry model, which helps them frame questions that are important to them. With questions identified, we use our critical literacy and research skills to find meaningful answers to our curiosities. Our children will also be using music and sound arts to communicate their understanding developed in this inquiry. Our teachers had a great time practicing their music skills in our staff meeting this week!



Our inquiry integrates across all learning areas. In Literacy our use of literacy skills helps us understand new ideas. We will be reading about places that are special to us and our classmates, as well as understanding why places hold special meaning to people. Expect to see us writing about places and objects that are special to individuals and groups.

In Mathematics, the area of geometry, particularly space and position will be part of our inquiry. Students may look at maps of our local area, identify significant places, measure distances, and write instructions on how to get there.

Parents, you can expect lots of conversations at home about the places that are special to your family, particularly talking about how we build our sense of belonging through the places we hold dear. Where possible, it is great to be able to talk about not only the places you as a family value, but how this has changed for your family over time and through generations.



EXPLORATION

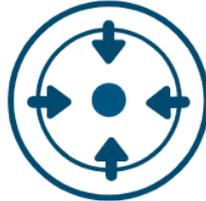
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SETTING THE SCENE

- I decide what I want to explore and why.

O



OBTAINING

- I gather information from a range of credible sources.

U



USING

- I make sense of the information gathered and find captivating ways to share it.

R



REFLECTING AND REFINING

- I check in on my steps so far, and revisit as appropriate.

C



COLLABORATING AND SHARING

- I share my process and findings with others.

E



EVALUATING AND ACTION

- I check in on my inquiry and what could be done next.

Learn to ski Friday Fizz

Friday Fizz returns this term. Our students will be engaged in a range of new and different learning opportunities that they will have had a chance to choose in class this week. One option for Friday Fizz available for children year 3 and over is the learn to ski group. All children will travel to Snowplanet on Fridays at 10:30, and return to school by 1:40pm

The learn to ski option offers learn to ski, learn to snowboard, or ski race training. Learn to ski / snowboard lessons are 60 minutes and suitable for beginner and intermediate skiers / snowboarders. The cost for our Term Two Friday Fizz is \$368 and includes ski / boot/ helmet hire.

Ski race training is suitable for intermediate to advanced skiers. You must be able to control your speed, turn and stop under control. Ski race training lessons are 90 minutes long and conclude with trials to be part of the Parnell District School Ski race team for the North Island Primary Ski competition (NIPS). This option is for skiers only. The cost for our term two Friday Fizz ski race training is \$446, and ski/ boot/ pole hire is an additional \$168

If you'd like your child to take part in the learn to ski, learn to board, or ski race training, [please use this form](#) to opt them into the group. You must complete this form by Tuesday the 10th of May, 9:30am for your child to take part in the group.



Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE).

At Parnell District School, we are committed to providing comprehensive and effective education for all students across the breadth of the curriculum. As part of the wider curriculum, we provide the Ministry of Education's Relationships and Sexuality Education programme to all students as mandated by law.

Starting in week two of this term we will be teaching Relationships and Sexuality Education across the school from Year 1-8. The unit we have chosen to use is produced by Family Planning and is called 'Navigating The Journey'. A guide for parents on the learning [can be found here](#). The students will be taught by their class teacher with their peers in their class. Parents are able to opt their children out of this one aspect of the curriculum if they would rather teach their children themselves at home. If you choose to do this, they will go to another class in their team during the lessons. You cannot opt your child out of some of the lessons, it must be the whole unit. Should you wish to do this, apply in writing to the principal. Email your request for your child to be removed from this unit to office@parnell.school.nz with the subject RSE by Monday the 9th of May. Please include your child's first and last name as well as their class number in your application.

If you have any further questions with regards to this learning, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Continued learning at COVID-19 Alert Level Orange

You will be aware that some changes to COVID-19 restrictions came into effect for schools just before the end of term one. We're continuing to do all we can to ensure learning programmes are uninterrupted. The government has indicated continued transmission in the community is likely, however, we want to do all we can to ensure our staff and students can be at school every day. We're keeping our students and staff as safe as possible so for Parnell District School this means:

- Masks are strongly encouraged for all learners in year 4-8 when working inside during learning time.
- Hand hygiene and hand washing remain important for all students
- Parents are welcome on site from 8:30 in the morning and after school. We ask parents to wear masks when indoors with children, and to stay out of classes when children are present unless wearing a mask
- Assembly returns to our regularly scheduled time of 9:00am every Friday. Parents are encouraged to join us for assembly where we share our learning for the week and celebrate the achievements of our community. When attending assembly, we ask parents to wear a mask.

Important Dates: Term Two

06/05	Assembly – House Leaders, Red Nose Day
09/05	Week 2, Year 7/8 Netball
12/05	Junior Netball begins
13/05	Assembly – Room 28, Friday Fizz begins!
16/05	Week 3
20/05	Assembly – Room 29, Pink Shirt Day
23/05	Week 4
25/05	Mufti day – come to school in your PJ's, Sausage sizzle, Eastern Zone Girls Football
27/05	Assembly – Room 30
30/05	Week 5 Healthy Communities Focus Week
03/06	Teacher Only Day (no school today), Eastern Zone Boys Football
06/06	Queen's Birthday public holiday (no school today)
07/06	Week 6
09/06	Bay Suburbs Football
10/06	Assembly – Room 20
13/06	Week 7, Eastern Zone Netball
17/06	Assembly – Room 11
20/06	Week 8
23/06	PaCT reports available for families
24/06	Matariki public holiday (no school today)
27/06	Week 9
29/06	Bay Suburbs Netball
01/07	Assembly – Room 16
04/07	Week 10
06/07	Burger day
08/07	Assembly – Tokomaru. School finishes at 3pm

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