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DISTRICT SCHOOL

Newsletter 19: 16th November 2022

Kia Ora e te whānau

As we make the most of the improving weather, term four's EOTC adventures have begun. First, with our jnuior and senior atheltics days, year 7/8 camp this week, and EOTC week coming up in week 8 (starting 5th December). We also finish off our first full series of *Opportunities for Excellence* (OE) this week, with our celebration of learning for OE next Friday 25th November. OE is a programme designed to give every child deliberate learning experiences around an area of expertise. We have loved seeing our children study in their area of their passion, and sharing their passion with other like-minded students. For my mathematicians who've been exploring the wonderful world of statistical investigations, it has given us the chance to push each other for excellence, while learning from others' skills and knowledge.
We hope everyone can join us on the 25th of November to help our students celebrate all they've achieved. Our celebration starts at 11:40am and we invite parents to meet us in the central courtyard where we'll give you a map and help you find your way to your child's OE. After you have seen your child's OE, we would love for you to tour the other OEs to see what our amazing learners have achieved over our 16 sessions.

Athletics Day

After lots of dedicated training and practice, all our students did an excellent job showing their athletics skills at both Glover Park last week and today on our school field. When we compete, we compete to show our very best, while also representing our houses, Te Arawa, Tokomaru, Aotea, and Tainui. It was fantastic to see our students both showing determination as they compete, and sportsmanship with their competitors. We will be celebrating our amazing sportspeople in our end of term assembly, as we present certificates to our winners. Thank you to all our families who came out to support our students and to the teachers who all did a fabulous job organising the two events.

Growing Great Humans

EOTC week activities

With year 7/8 leading the way, EOTC activities are coming up, with camps from year 4 and a range of trips and at-school activities. Below, we've outlined what is happening for each team, and the days we need help from parents for trips to go ahead. Check out what's happening for Whānau Kākano (year 0-1 students), Whānau Tipu (year 2-3 students), Team Ahi (year 4-6 students), and final week activities for team taniwha (year 7-8 students).
We know this week will be the highlight for most students.
We have indicated in the outlines below (next page) which days we need parent helpers. Please check your schedule and look out for more information from your class teacher about the days they need helpers on trips and activities. Thank you in advance.

SOHO wine fundraiser

Our friends at SOHO wine are again supporting our PTA with the SOHO wine fundraiser. Stock up for summer and support the school at the same time! Every bottle of wine you buy helps our PTA in their work to make Parnell District School the best school in Auckland.

Important Dates: Term Four

21/11	***Week 6*** ***Bay Suburbs Athletics***
24/11	***Eastern Zones Athletics***
25/11	***Full School Assembly: Room 6 to host*** ***OE Celebration of Learning – join us 11:40am in the courtyard***
28/11	***Week 7***
30/11	***PTA Bake Sale – Teams Tokomaru & Te Arawa***
01/12	***Auckland City Mission Christmas Appeal (non-uniform day)***
02/12	***Full School Assembly***
05/12	***Week 8 – EOTC WEEK*** ***Year 4 Camp departs (returning Tues 6th Dec)***
06/12	***Year 5/6 Camp departs (returning Thurs 8th Dec)***
12/12	***Week 9***
13/12	***CELEBRATION OF LEARNING – Holy Trinity Cathedral*** ***2:00pm-3:30pm***
14/12	***Parnell Baths***
15/12	***Year 8 Graduation***
16/12	***Term 4 ends*** ***Assembly: Aotea – School Finishes at 1pm – Happy Holidays!***
31/01/23	***TERM ONE BEGINS 2023***

Dates may be subject to change

Whānau Kākano's
Yr 0-1 EOTC and Final Week

Monday 5th	Tuesday 6th	Wednesday 7th	Thursday 8th	Friday 9th
Trip to Parnell Rose Gardens (OFFSITE) *Parent helpers needed*	**Mara Ākonga Camp Day (AT SCHOOL)**	**Preparation for Butterfly Creek**	**Trip to Butterfly Creek (OFFSITE)** *Parent helpers needed*	**House Day! (AT SCHOOL)** Challenges for you to complete in house groups Water fun in afternoon

Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	Friday 16th
FINAL WEEK OF TERM 4	**Celebration of Learning (OFFSITE)** **Holy Trinity Cathedral 2:00pm – 3:30pm**	**Parnell Baths (OFFSITE)** *Parent helpers needed*		**Aotea Assembly** School Finishes at 1:00pm

Whānau Tipu's
Yr 2-3 EOTC and Final Week

Monday 5th	Tuesday 6th	Wednesday 7th	Thursday 8th	Friday 9th
Te Reo Māori Day!	**"Day-Camp" Day (AT SCHOOL)** (Scouts/ Survival Skills)	**The Amazing Race** (Parent led groups) *Parent helpers needed*	**Our learning, Our Way! Child led activities (AT SCHOOL)**	**Circus Day (AT SCHOOL)** *Parent helpers needed*

Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	Friday 16th
FINAL WEEK OF TERM 4	**Celebration of Learning (OFFSITE)** **Holy Trinity Cathedral 2:00pm – 3:30pm**	**Parnell Baths (OFFSITE)** *Parent Helpers needed*		**Aotea Assembly** School Finishes at 1:00pm

Ahi' s
Yr 4-6 EOTC and Final Week

Monday 5th	Tuesday 6th	Wednesday 7th	Thursday 8th	Friday 9th
Yr4 campers off to camp (OFFSITE) **Yr4 non-campers (AT SCHOOL)** **Yr5/6 campers preparation day (AT SCHOOL)**	**Yr5/6 campers off to camp (OFFSITE)** **Yr4-6 non-campers (AT SCHOOL)** **Yr4 campers return**	**All Yr4's and Yr5-6 non- campers (AT SCHOOL)**	**All Yr4's and Yr5-6 non- campers (AT SCHOOL)** **Yr5/6 campers return**	**All Ahi Team Day**

Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	Friday 16th
FINAL WEEK OF TERM 4	**Celebration of Learning (OFFSITE)** **Holy Trinity Cathedral 2:00pm – 3:30pm**	**Parnell Baths (OFFSITE)** *Parent Helpers needed*		**Aotea Assembly** School Finishes at 1:00pm

Taniwha's
Yr 7-8 Final Week

Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	Friday 16th
FINAL WEEK OF TERM 4	**Celebration of Learning (OFFSITE)** **Holy Trinity Cathedral 2:00pm – 3:30pm**	**Parnell Baths (OFFSITE)** *Parent Helpers needed*	**Yr 8 Graduation**	**Aotea Assembly** School Finishes at 1:00pm

AHI TEAM YS 4-6

My Learning, My Way
Student-led Inquiries Term 4 Weeks 1-5

Rm 20 Designers

Lily is using TinkerCad to create a concept design.
Kara is hand drawing sprite ideas for her computer game design.
Hugo is drawing a prototype idea for his design, and
Jewel is working through the process in her Inquiry book.

Rm 23 Spread The Word

In awesome Room 23, we completed a little project since our inquiry focus is wrapping up.
'Spread the Word was about making protest signs for Biodiversity (mainly bees and butterflies - pollinating insects). Some amazing examples are "Don't Bring the Bees to their Knees." We included some information, including imagery and a slogan, to deliver our message. Now that's called AWESOME Room 23 work! - Sara Shimotomai.

Rm 13 Arcade Designers

We are using the DESIGN thinking process to make a Cardboard Arcade for our buddy class. Children work in pairs to design and create a game for the arcade. We had a very productive afternoon on this day, building our prototypes.

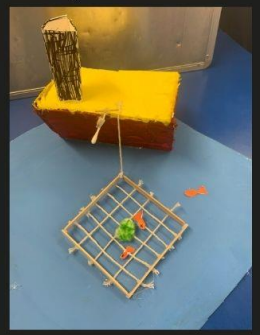
Rm 14 Scientists

On this day, we did a teacher-led experiment to remind us how we would use the Experimental Thinking Model if we were doing it as a student-led experiment. It reminded us that we must follow the model to complete a scientific experiment accurately and successfully. They are still fully coming to terms with it, but the more we practice, the more natural the process becomes.
The activity was 'Testing and Experimenting' to see if we could make a leakproof bag by poking pencils through it. Some managed it, but some did not. It was good learning in terms of sharing why some worked, and some did not, even though we all followed the exact "same process".

Rm 16 Problem Solvers

Rm 16 learners identify and solve a problem for a living creature in Aotearoa using the DESIGN THINKING PROCESS

Can you match the problem to the proposed solutions?



The problem is that water pollution will kill the fish, the Kingfisher will starve to death, and it also destroys the habitat of the kingfisher. (Winston, Quincy and Henry)

Stoats look for food that happens to be endemic birds, but it is not their fault that they are here as they are introduced .The stoats can't help where they are. We need to get the stoats back to England without killing them. (Emily, David, Dave and James)

When people fish for fish, they accidentally catch the Maui dolphin because they are small and can be mistaken for a long fish. We thought a little bit about what we needed to make.
(Amaya, Sasha and Fatih)

People throw too much plastic around the world, so sea creatures think it's food and choke and die like the bottlenose dolphin. (Aadhya, Nicole, Saskia and Yifei)

People need to look where they are driving. Instead, they are looking at their phone. Other times the penguins are too small to see. There also needs to be more penguin crossing sights. These are the main reasons for road kills. (Elliot, Jasper and Flynn)

The Kereru needs a safe place to nest. (Alex, Samantha and Saniya)

The problem is the Fur Seals are drowning in fishing nets, so we need to find a way to stop that from happening. (Eva, William and Bella)

Zoo poem

This is an amazing idea!

Zoo poem

Lonely and afraid
Praying one day to escape this prison cage
I pace up and down, up and down
Staring at the solid concrete ground
That tires away the skin from my delicate paws
Two-legged beasts surround my cell
Little ones point their sticky fingers at me
While taller one's yell "give us a roar!"
I miss the old days with my family and more
Tigers to heaven and animals galore
Oh, how I miss those times
So, I ask you
No, beg you
Save me!

By Ava Arrowsmith

Rm 12 Inquiry through multi-literacies

Ella and Phoebe wrote a Podcast script and shared this with the class showing some great use of multiliteracies.

https://www.bandlab.com/studio?id=4b5218de-065f-ed11-819a-000d3a3eefd0&autoconnect=true

Ahi Ahead

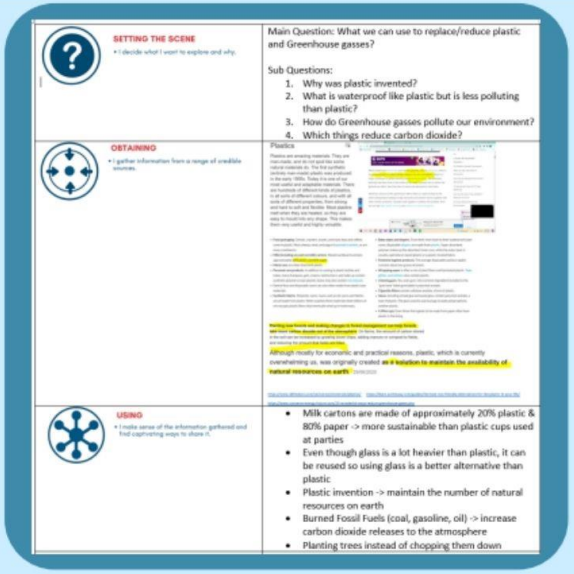
- Weeks 6-7

Mahi Tahi Inquiry

- Week 8

EOTC Week
PaCT Reports go home

ROOM 11



SETTING THE SCENE
• I decide what I want to explore and why.

Main Question: What we can use to replace/reduce plastic and Greenhouse gasses?

Sub Questions:
1. Why was plastic invented?
2. What is waterproof like plastic but is less polluting than plastic?
3. How do Greenhouse gasses pollute our environment?
4. Which things reduce carbon dioxide?

OBTAINING
• I gather information from a range of credible sources.

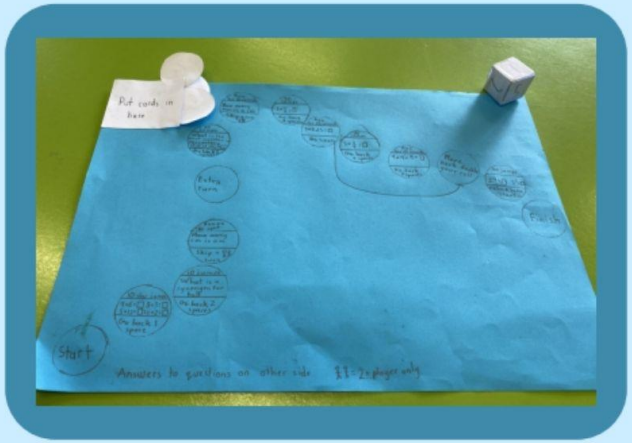
Plastics

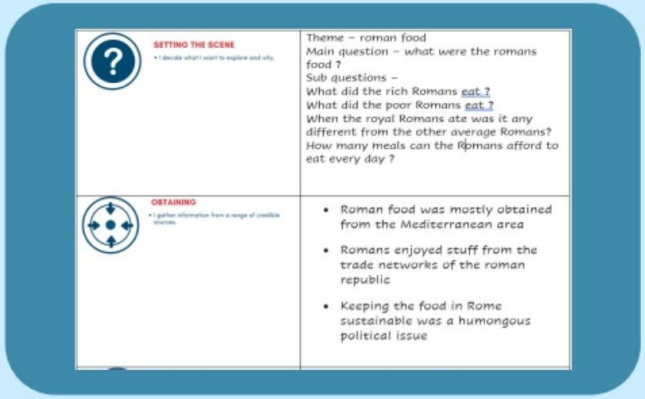
USING
• I make sense of the information gathered and find captivating ways to share it.

- Milk cartons are made of approximately 20% plastic & 80% paper -> more sustainable than plastic cups used at parties
- Even though glass is a lot heavier than plastic, it can be reused so using glass is a better alternative than plastic
- Plastic invention -> maintain the number of natural resources on earth
- Burned Fossil Fuels (coal, gasoline, oil) -> increase carbon dioxide releases to the atmosphere
- Planting trees instead of chopping them down

In Room 11, we chose the inquiry model that best suited us. Some chose the Exploration Model, others chose the Design Thinking Model.

This is the prototype stage for an activity to prevent boredom.





SETTING THE SCENE
• I decide what I want to explore and why.

Theme – roman food
Main question – what were the romans food ?
Sub questions –
What did the rich Romans eat ?
What did the poor Romans eat ?
When the royal Romans ate was it any different from the other average Romans?
How many meals can the Romans afford to eat every day ?

OBTAINING
• I gather information from a range of credible sources.

- Roman food was mostly obtained from the Mediterranean area
- Romans enjoyed stuff from the trade networks of the roman republic
- Keeping the food in Rome sustainable was a humongous political issue

During the Obtaining stage, we are researching to answer our sub-questions.

C4 Christmas Holiday Programme 2022

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Sewing & Crafts

Mon 19 Dec

Come and sew an ethical Christmas bag to wrap your gifts in or make some exciting new decorations for your tree!

C4 Trip to the Zoo

Tue 20 Dec

C4 is off to the Zoo! Make the most of the summer weather and spend the day at Auckland Zoo with your C4 friends.

Christmas Baking Fun

Wed 21 Dec

Today we'll make a variety of Christmas treats, have a taste test and package up the leftovers to take home!

C4 Christmas Party

Thu 22 Dec

On the last day of C4 for 2022 we will have a delicious Christmas lunch, play Christmas games and take home a small gift from the C4 team!

No Activity

Fri 23 Dec

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! The January Holiday Programme starts on Monday 16th January 2023!

Please book by Monday 12th December. Places are limited. Once a booking is confirmed no changes are allowed.

For more information, call 09 3793008 Or 027 2706810
or email clairej@parnell.school.nz

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PTA News

A huge thank you to Charlotte and her wonderful team of parent volunteers that helped on Sunday with car parking on the school grounds for the Parnell Festival of Roses. It's always great to support a local community event and raise funds for our school at the same time!

Friday Café – Ice Creams

Don't forget Friday Cafe is open every Friday straight after school on the courts... now that it's getting warmer, don't forget to come along and buy a nice cool treat at the end of the week!

The Great PDS Bake Off – Wednesday 30th November (week 7)

Join the "Great PDS Bake Off - Round 2" Wednesday 30th Nov. This year we've set the houses head-to-head and added a bit of fun competition - with house points awarded for how much each house raises. Baking families (families from both Tokomaru and Te Arawa) will bring home a flyer with instructions on Friday - Remember: Just 6 cupcakes per family this time please as we have two houses baking. Cupcakes will be sold at morning tea at $2 each - so don't forget your gold coins!

SOHO Wines Fundraiser

Keep a look out this week for our annual SOHO wine fundraiser form.
It's a good time to stock up for summer and gifts!

SOHO WINES

ARTZ ON SHOW.

Christmas Special

Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years.
Students participate in a range of performing arts and specialised classes, for an eventful week!

19 - 23 December 2022, 9am – 4pm daily
Held at Raye Freedman Arts Centre,
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View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz or contact Hayley on either artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129

ARTZ ON SHOW.

WANTED!!!!
Host families for JANUARY 2023 Holiday Program

Live Locally, Think Globally
Global Kids
Globalkids by YJ Education Ltd.
39 Magma Crescent Stoenfields
Auckland 1072, New Zealand

We are hosting 14 students (Age between 10-14years old) for our Summer Holiday Program.

We are trying to place 2 students per family, based on a one-room share. (Two single bed or one queen size bed)

The payment will be $300/pw/per student.

It includes two meals and a packed lunch. They are here in NZ for four weeks and eight weeks in early Jan 2023.

Student will participate in the holiday program Mon-Fri 9:00-5:00pm and Sat 10:00-4:00pm. Sunday will be only day with their host family.

Throughout the year, we have Korean University students coming too.

If you can host international students, please let us know.
Or for more information please send us an email to;
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021308802
Thank you in advance,

TaeHo

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