



DISCOVERY SCHOOL

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Dear parents/caregivers,

Term 2 learning opportunities in the Senior Team

Mathematics

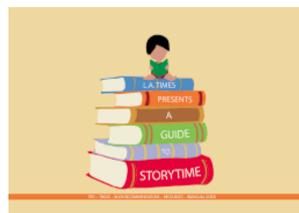


To begin the term, our students will be completing a multiplication and division unit. The purpose of this unit is to learn strategies to solve more complex multiplication and division problems (such as with large numbers, fractions and decimals).

Later in the term, we will also be completing a measurement unit about length and area, perimeter, volume, capacity and temperature.

Throughout the term, we will continue to focus on basic facts and place value, as well as maintenance of previously taught concepts.

Literacy



We will be learning to write scientific reports. This links to our major Science Inquiry.

Students will complete reading and related follow up activities that link to the science topic. They will listen to class stories and visit the school library.

They will continue learning spelling rules and grammar conventions.



Our major topic/inquiry unit is to prepare for the school Science Fair.

During this unit, students will complete rotations around the senior classrooms, learning various scientific concepts with each teacher.

Then they will complete an investigation in a small group. We would like to invite you to view their science displays in the school hall on [Tuesday, 24th June \(week 9\) between 8am and 9am.](#)

P.E. and Health



Early in the term, we will be focusing on cross country running. This will involve students training at least three times per week. They will leave the school grounds to do this to complete a 'low course' around the outside of the school or a 'high course' which involves some hill climbing. We also offer a fitness circuit as an option. Our aim is for all children to be active, regardless of whether they like to run competitively or not!

[Please send an email \(prior to class starting so teachers see it\) or write a note to your child's teacher if they are injured and unable to train. It is important that students bring sports shoes and wear appropriate clothing for daily P.E. sessions.](#)

Later in the term (and in term 3), we will focus on winter sports, such as netball, hockey, rugby, basketball and football.

Languages will continue - our second rotation will start in week 1 of term 2:

French with Sarah Jenner

Japanese with Nic Kibblewhite

Italian with Shaun Bishop

New Zealand Sign Language with Stacey Mew

Cyber Safety



We will continue our cyber safety lessons started in term 1.

Homework

Thank you for your support with our home learning programmes. Tasks are uploaded to this [slide deck](#) each fortnight - and they are glued into homework books.

We would like the children to spend at least 15 minutes per night reading before they go to bed (social media doesn't count).

Technicraft: Just a reminder that Technicraft donations (\$70) need to be paid via Hero or internet banking please. Thank you to those of you who have already paid this. If you are unsure about whether you have paid or not, please check your account.

Dates for your diary:

Week 1

*Mihi Whakatau for new students: Monday, 28th April

*Science rotations begin: Monday, 28th April

*Dental Van arrives at Discovery School: Monday, 28th April

*Senior Basketball starts: Wednesday, 30th April

*Camp Bake sale fundraiser: Friday, 2nd May

*Netball starts: Saturday, 3rd May

Week 2

* Year 8 Girls Self Defence Course: Monday, 5th May (all day) and Friday, 9th May (morning)

Week 3

- *Author (Des Hunt) Visit: Monday, 12th May
- *World Vision Leadership Day: Monday, 12th May
- *Rugby Tournament: Wednesday, 14th May
- *Kid's Literature Quiz: Friday, 16th May
- *Interaction Day: Friday, 16th May
- *Pink Shirt Day: Friday, 16th May
- *DSPTA Disco: Friday, 16th May

Week 4

- *Tough Guy/Gal Challenge: Tuesday, 20th May
- *St Mary's Open Morning: Tuesday, 20th May
- *St Pat's Open Morning: Thursday, 22nd May
- *School Cross Country: Friday, 23rd May

Week 5

- *School Cross Country Postponement Day: Tuesday, 27th May
- *National Young Leaders Day (Student Council): Thursday, 29th May

Week 6

- *King's Birthday: Monday, 2nd June
- *Interschool Cross Country: Tuesday, 3rd June (pp. Thursday, 5th June)
- *Visiting Performer (Martin Chatterton): Friday, 6th June

Week 7

- *Kiwi Competitions start (and continue until the end of term)
- *Aotea College Open Evening (Thursday, 12th June)
- *Teacher Only Day/Curriculum Day: Friday, 13th June
- *World Vision (40 Hour Challenge): Friday, 13th June to Sunday, 15th June

Week 8

- *Bob Bickerton Visiting Performer: Tuesday, 17th June
- *Kapiti College Open Day: Tuesday, 17th June
- *Matariki Public Holiday: Friday, 20th June

Week 9

- *Science Fair: Tuesday, 24th June
- *Regional Cross Country: Tuesday, 24th June (pp. Thursday, 26th June)
- *End of Term: Friday, 27th June

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to another positive term with your child/ren