

Totara Team Newsletter



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Welcome to 2019



This is the Totara (Purple Team) Newsletter and it will be published at the beginning of each term to provide an overview of our learning programmes. Please check the school website for important dates. We hope you have all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for an exciting first term. Life at ANI is full of new opportunities and learning and we look forward to maximising this as much as possible in the coming weeks. Homework will commence in week 3 and will be due in on Fridays (further information to follow). If you have any questions regarding the PYP or any other matters, please contact your classroom teacher.

Theme 1 (Weeks 2 – 11) 'Who we are'

Central Idea: Awareness of change contributes to our understanding of ourselves.

Lines of Inquiry:

- Changes through puberty
- Respecting people's differences through changing relationships
- Growth and development changes within our body
- Emotional and behavioural wellbeing

Key Concepts:

Change
Growth
Identity



Literacy is fully integrated into our themes. This term we will be looking into processes, strategies and ideas when writing. Students will be on constructing text with a more persuasive tone and concentrating on grammatical accuracy using correct punctuation. Students will be reading for understanding and connecting new information to prior knowledge in order to strengthen their opinion on a topic. There will be a focus on locating key concepts and terminology when reading, in order to communicate new information in a collaborative setting.



In Mathematics this term we will begin with number knowledge during weeks 2-6 and move on to measurement during weeks 7-11. Maths will be integrated when and where appropriate. There will be a focus on the mastery of basic facts.

Specialisation - The students will receive instruction across the technology and arts curriculum on a Tuesday, beginning in Week 3. This will be fully integrated into our themes. In Languages, the students will have French twice a week with Ms. Jasmine Hanawy, along with a 45-minute lesson of Te reo Māori every week with Mātua Sam. Mr Thomas Jones will instruct the students for PE once a week for 45 mins, the other lesson being taken by the classroom teacher. These will occur on a Tuesday and a Friday.

EOTC (Education outside the classroom) - We have an exciting 4-day programme planned for this term. We need plenty of parent support so please contact your class teacher if you are able to help. There will be more information sent home regarding the dates and activities that classes will do during this time.

