

Totara Team Newsletter

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Welcome to Term 3



This term is full of new opportunities, experiences and learning. We look forward to an exciting new unit of inquiry and building knowledge about our planet and our use of resources, identifying ways we can make effective change or action within our school environment, community, city and beyond. Homework will commence week 1 and issued on a Monday, due to be completed by the Friday. Can you please ensure that your child is completing this, along with reading every night for approximately 15-20 minutes. If you have any questions regarding this, or about the work currently being done at school, please contact your classroom teacher.

Theme 4 (Weeks 1 – 5)

'Sharing the Planet'

Central Idea: *Varying perspectives on finite resources can create conflict*

- Lines of Inquiry:

Value people put on resources in a competitive world

Management of finite resources

Society's role in managing resources

Conflict resolution / compromise



Literacy is fully integrated into our themes. This term we are working on how to shape texts for different purposes and audiences. The specific focus will be on writing to inform and persuade an audience in order for effective change to be actioned.

NUMERACY

Mathematics - In Maths during Term 3 we will be working on the strands of Algebra and Statistics. The students will complete a Statistical Investigation into Sharing the Planet. Maths will be integrated where and when appropriate. We will continue to practice basic facts and programs include some aspects of problem solving.

Theme 5 (Weeks 6-10)

'How we express ourselves'

Central Idea: *People use various forms of expression to provoke and create change*

- Lines of Inquiry:

Creativity is used to reflect personal beliefs and perspectives

The impact and role of the media

Provoking change through various platforms

Self-expression portrays diverse ideas and experiences

Specialisation – On Tuesdays, students will be immersed into the technology and arts subjects. These are fully integrated throughout our themes. In Languages the students will be continue to learn French with Madame Jasmine Hanawy, and will have two forty-five-minute sessions each week. Mr Thomas Jones will take the students for PE once a week for 45 mins. Classroom teachers take the other block of PE, and all students should ensure that they have correct PE gear on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Term 3 Important dates – School Cross Country 29/7, Vision Testing - Week 2 (29/7 – 2/8), Athon Fundraising Practice Week 4 (12-16 August) - Test Day 21/8, School Production 2/9 – 6/9, AIMS Tournament 9/9 – 13/9

