



Our specialist team is ready to ‘kick the ball’ in term 4!

This new stage of our collaborative approach to learning will start in term 4 with incredible classes for our year 7 children, with new skills and hands-on learning experiences in each class. Our year 8 students will have rich experience with exhibition and self-inquiry projects.

A MESSAGE TO OUR PARENTS

Kia ora koutou.

Hope this newsletter finds you all well rested after a two week break. We are happy to be back in term 4 and very happy to be back at Level 1.

We understand that our students have many different feelings at this time of the year, especially our year 8 students who are finishing an important and happy stage of their school life.

The Kowhai team is ready to lead all ANI students through the term with many exciting activities in the specialist areas.

We will keep you updated directly through the students, school apps, our webpage, and also through Seesaw and Google classroom.

ANI SPECIALIST EDUCATION – TERM 4

Y8 EXHIBITION

For our year 8 students, this is an important moment in their ANI school life. This is the time to develop their big inquiry – exhibition project. During the term, they will combine all learning outcomes and skills that they have learnt throughout their two years at ANI.

Year 8 students will have their regular program related to PE, Health, and Languages, however, other specialist learning area timetables will change. Students will be able to use the specialist areas and teacher's skills and knowledge to support their inquiry. Attendance and participation in these specialist classes will be based on individual needs (their selection and decision) and link to their exhibition inquiry. However, if they decide they don't need to use their specialist day to support exhibition work they can still access specialist classes and activities for the remainder of the term. Specialist teachers will provide alternative project-based lessons for those students who do not wish to work on their inquiry during that period.

Y7 SPECIALIST PROGRAMME

Our Y7 programme will continue to develop the NZ curriculum, with all classes and activities related to the specialist areas for our year 7 students proceeding as in terms 1,2 and 3.

Here are a few elements that they will be learning during term 4:

Food and soft technology:

Y7 – We will be hands-on once again this term. The year 7 students will start the term developing their skills levels in food technology by learning the techniques of cutting. Following this, we are going to explore some soft technology activities, such as sewing. We also are going to have our ANI Masterchef semi and finals. A fun and interactive term ahead!

Digital and Hard technology:

Y7 – Students are going to explore a variety of materials and construction techniques to create an outcome. They will get an opportunity to utilise a range of 2D and 3D software to create products from laser cutting and 3D printing. These are hands-on practically based learning opportunities so an emphasis on safety and the correct usage of machinery and hand tools will be made.

Science:

Y7 – Year 7 students will be investigating the components of our solar system and developing an appreciation of the distances between the planets through a physical model mapped out across a field. Students will build their own version of a satellite and study the phenomenon of a black hole. Students will also investigate the conditions of planets through a planet self-inquiry and research the phases of moons, comparing our moon to the moons of other planets, and the factors affecting them. As a final project, students will create a museum exhibition of their planet study or a shared planetarium space within the school.

Visual arts:

Y7 – Our year 7 students will be exploring the art of construction and clay modelling. Collaboratively students will create large structures [related to nature] that we hope to proudly display around the school. They will then focus on their own individual clay

models while also really delving into textures and colours. These will be great opportunities for students to work creatively and consolidate the skills they have learned throughout the year.

PE:

Y7 – For this term, students will be learning multiple catching and throwing techniques through games. We will be exploring different possibilities of using their body and space to organise these student's skills in different ways. They will also learn and explore different types of games on the field. With fielding strategies and the combination of catching and throwing skills, students will be able to participate and develop through summer sports such as cricket, softball/baseball and other fielding activities.

Music:

Y7 – Ready to play! Our students will explore the Ukulele and learn various chords and strumming patterns to play a number of songs throughout the term. By using practical skills, students will revisit rhythm, beats and musicality in their learning process. We are sure that all our Y7 students will have lots of fun in their music classes journey.

| SPORTS-PRO AND SPORTS COMPETITIONS (Y7 & Y8)

Our sports-pro (sports development programme) is still on during the entire term 4.

Our students will be able to continue their training/learning program as normal.

If you want to find out more information about, please visit our Sports-PRO webpage

<https://sites.google.com/ani.school.nz/anisports-pro/home>

Also, with Auckland back to COVID-19 Alert Level 1 we are happy that a number of Term 4 sports competitions will continue and we have a few Central Zones competitions and inter-school games planned.

Here are the dates of Central Zones competitions on term 4:

CZ Boys Basketball (13 October); CZ Girls Basketball (15 October); CZ Touch - Girls (3 November); CZ Touch - Boys and Mixed (5 November); CZ Badminton (11 November); CZ Athletics (18 November);

All the sports events dates are updated on the webpage:

<https://sites.google.com/ani.school.nz/anisports-pro/what-is-on?authuser=0>

In addition, term 4 is time for our Athletics day on Tuesday 27/10/2020 @ **Mt Smart Arena**.

We will keep our community informed using digital media and in the Friday Flyer notices about these events.

As mentioned previously we are always available for students and parents. If you have any questions or want to touch base regarding any point of their progress please send me an email at any time ckucera@ani.school.nz (or any specialist teachers) as we are here to provide support.

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