

Waikite Valley School

Developing Learners for Life

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Weekly Panui – Monday 24th July 2017



TERM 3 INQUIRY FOCUS

The overarching focus across the school for this term is based around the 'Economic World'. We are really focusing on developing our students financial literacy.

In Te Ruma Puawai they will be looking at wants and needs, costs and spending, especially when working to a set budget. They will be using junk mail brochures to find costs/prices and create shopping lists. Whaea Amanda has made a set of play money based on NZ currency to get the students into playing shop, which is great for their math skills and understanding of economics.



Room 4 have started their Banqer program with Mrs Twiddy. This is a simulated online banking program for the classroom, it provides a hands on environment for kids to get **curious, creative, and ultimately, confident with money.**

Teachers can 'pay' students for positive behaviours and completing classroom tasks. You also explore budgeting with your students as they **learn valuable life skills** by managing the rental of their desks and paying for class privileges. The students work their way through a set of lessons that explore topics ranging from savings and interest to tax, real estate, and insurance. It's fun, easy, and grows with the class. The GPA students have been using Banqer as part of their studies all year and are quite far through the modules of learning.

In the GPA we are growing our business acumen by taking part in weekly enterprise challenges in teams of 4. These challenges are based on 'The Apprentice' format where a range of skills, knowledge and experience have to be applied to complete a task with more success than the other team in order to 'win' the challenge. The winning team receives pay into their Banqer accounts, the losing team must consider where they could have improved or what issues may have contributed to



Monday 7th August

- ★ PTA afternoon meeting 2pm

Wednesday 9th August

- ★ GPA Sharing Assembly at 2pm

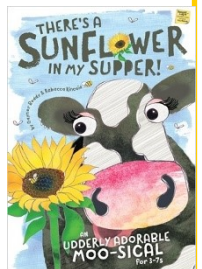
Friday 18th August

- ★ Junior Tough Guy/Gal Challenge

the outcome.

As well as the fun of the Inquiry focus, the classrooms will be carrying on with our Next Step Learning according to the areas of weakness or gaps that were identified following mid year assessments in reading, writing and maths. The information that we gather in regards to each student's strengths and weaknesses is closely analysed by the classroom teacher, with a learning plan set up for every child to ensure we are meeting their needs. This means we are able to keep every learner progressing on their achievement journey, whether they are working towards national standards or above national standards.

This term we will also be putting a lot of time and energy into our School Musical Production "There's a Sunflower in my Supper!" There will be a lot of work around acting, singing, costumes, props, sets, staging and working together to make it happen. The songs are fantastic and the script is great. The teachers have begun planning and I have already introduced the songs to the school. Our rehearsals will become more frequent as we approach the performance around Week 9 or 10.



We will also be writing and performing speeches this term. In Te Ruma Puawai some of the students will write and present a speech, some may perform a recitation.

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In Room 4 and GPA we will be taking part in formal speech competitions in class, with the best speakers presenting to the whole school. Late in the term we will compete at the Reporoa Schools Cluster Competition held at Mihi School, as well as competing in the Jack Te Nahu Competition held in the Ngakuru Hall.

Finally, the Year 6-8 students have formed two teams (the Waikite Valley Doozers and the Waikite Valley Wombles) to compete in the First Lego League Tournament held in Karaka on 2nd September. For the next 5 weeks these students will meet in Room 3 with Mr Topp to work through the project and programming of their robots to complete a range of 'missions'. In order to do this well they will be working on this task in their teams on Tuesday and Friday 9-11am; and we require them to do an afterschool workshop from 3-5pm on Tuesday also. Their transport, accommodation and entry fees have all been covered through grants or the school technology budget. The work they will be doing is cutting edge STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Education and will not harm their other learning. In fact, it will enhance and build on their skills in a range of areas. We are one of very few schools able to run this program thanks to the provision of over \$5000 in robotics and lego equipment, as well as being awarded a travel grant to assist with getting to and from the tournament.

The program introduces students to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. First Lego League teams, guided by their imaginations and adult coaches, discover exciting career possibilities.

The students get to:

Design, build, test and program robots using LEGO MINDSTORMS® technology

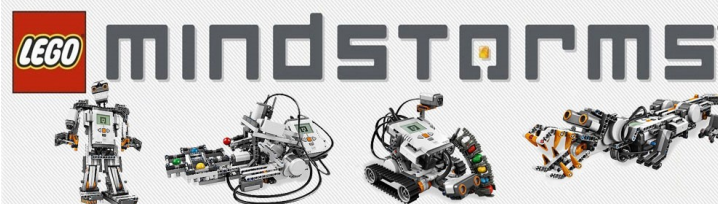
Apply real-world math and science concepts

Research challenges facing today's scientists

Learn critical thinking, team-building & presentation skills

Participate in a tournament against nationwide teams with children aged 9-16 years old

What First Lego League teams accomplish is nothing short of amazing. It's fun. It's exciting. And the skills they learn will last a lifetime!



Sharing assemblies will be held every second Wednesday this term, at 2pm. Hopefully this allows some of our families who were not able to attend the 9am timeslot the opportunity. Information on dates for each class on opposite page. :)

Teresa Topp










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Lunchtime Clubs START THIS WEEK

	MORNING TEA	LUNCH TIME
MONDAY	Intermediate hockey training	Rotomaths Training 
TUESDAY	Dance Club (Tegan & Eilish) 	Mini/Maxi's Hockey Training 
WEDNESDAY	Sports Games (Daniel, Reg, Ben & Toby) 	Art Club (Jackson, Leon & Luke) 
THURSDAY	Games Club (Kasey, Rachel & Baylie) 	Mini/ Maxi's Hockey Training 
FRIDAY	Intermediate Hockey Training 	Origami (Gabiella, Lily & Abbey) 

Thank You

★ To the PTA ladies who put together and delivered the morning tea for the Rotorua Hunt during the holidays.'

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★ To the families involved with getting the large rocks from McNaull's to school for the development of our natural climbing playground for the juniors. Particularly the Wheeler, Cowan, Schweizer and Johnston families.

PET DAY 2017 DETAILS

Tuesday 17th October -
Crafty Creations (made in school)

Wednesday 18th October -
Pet Day

Calves, Lambs & Kids born between the 20th July and 25th September are eligible to enter. Chickens, Rabbits & Guinea Pigs can be exhibited.

Notices to indicate your Pet Day entry will be sent home next week.

HOCKEY TEAMS

Intermediate Team training Monday and Friday with Mrs Twiddy (Game Coach is Naomi Stubbs); Mini's and Maxi's training Tuesday and Thursday with Mrs Dinning and Mrs Pearson. On Saturday's the Mini's are coached by Mr Topp, the Maxi's by Mrs Negus.

Hustle,
Hit,
AND NEVER QUIT



Let your brainy friends know—

**FRIDAY
22ND SEPT**

is our



QUIZ NIGHT

This is our BOT FUNDRAISER for the year. More details to come....

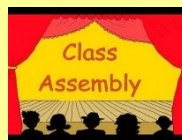
**GRAB A
TEAM
AND
COME TO
QUIZ NIGHT**

Sharing Assemblies this Term

Graduate Pathways Academy—Wed 9th Aug 2pm

Room 4—Wed 23rd Aug 2pm

Te Ruma Puawai—Wed 6th Sept 2pm



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