

**Papatoetoe Central School
Year 2 - Team Tui Newsletter**

***Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa
Welcome to the Team Tui Families***



Welcome to Term 4

It is the final term of 2018. Last term we loved learning more about natural disasters and enjoyed our trip to the Auckland museum. Our students great knowledge of volcanoes was noted by the museum educators. We have another busy term with school reports and our Christmas Show taking place toward the end of the term.

Even though it is the last term we are still keeping the pedal down and making the most of every learning opportunity at PCS. We thank you for your continued efforts to support your child's learning success.

Term 4 Curriculum Focuses

Maths - Basic facts, simple multiplication and division development
Reading – Thinking deeply about the hidden messages in the text
Writing – Descriptions, Narratives, Letter Writing and student choice
Topics – Festivals and Celebrations **Keeping Safe** - (Road, Sun and Water)
Value – Responsibility; Taking responsibility for our belongings, actions and learning

Writing

The students have explored writing in a range of genres this year. Some areas we are continuing to concentrate on are:

- Use of capitals to begin a sentence and a full stop to end it
- Accurate spelling of the basic words or sounding out of tricky words
- Descriptive vocabulary and personal voice to add interest

Newsletters

Please remember that our school newsletter can be located on our website and this comes out on alternate weeks. You can also keep up to date with what is happening at our school by checking this page out <http://www.pcs.school.nz/>

Holidays – Keep that learning going

Over the six week holidays it is important for your child to enjoy a well deserved break but to keep in touch with their learning.

Someways you can do this, is by:

- Visiting the library is a great way to encourage reading and it is free
- Writing a story about an event your child has enjoyed in the holidays
- Quick fire basic facts questions, adding/subtracting dice, board games
- Spending time with friends and family is always a great way to encourage active discussion about daily events
- These are good educational websites
- <http://www.abcya.com/>
- <https://readingeggs.co.nz/>
- www.studyadder.co.nz

**Join us at the Team Tui Christmas show Tuesday 11th December
Thank you from the The Tui Team Teachers**