

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

**Tena Koutou Katoa
Hello to the Tui Team families**



Welcome to Term 4

It is the final term of 2017. We have a busy term ahead with student reports and the school christmas show taking place later this term. We would like to thank you for your continued support with ensuring your child is practising their learning at home. Learning is most successful with home, school and your child working as a team.

Thank you to all families who have helped collect can tabs for our school fundraiser 'Kidney kids.' All can tabs will be sold and the money raised goes toward this very worthy cause of helping children with kidney concerns. We still have until November to collect these.

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)
Science – Weather Science **Technology** – Coding Robotics

Term 4 Value - Responsibility

Our Term 4 value is Responsibility. As part of the NZ curriculum we are expected to teach the students to develop their self management skills. We will be discussing with the children the importance of them taking personal responsibility for their actions, learning and belongings. Thank you for encouraging your child with this.

Summer Uniform and Hats

During Terms 1 and 4 all students are expected to wear their school hats and summer uniform. It does get hot during the school day and this allows your child to feel more comfortable in the classroom and playground.

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.studyladder.co.nz

**We wish you and your child every success for 2018.
Thank you from the The Tui Team Teachers**