

Waimea College 2024 Term 3 Week 2

Special Education Department

Belonging: Whanaungatanga- Caring: Manaakitanga- Learning: Akoranga



Kia ora e te whānau,
I hope your school holiday was a chance to re-charge the batteries with families and friends. We are looking forward to a term of learning, fun, friendship and more learning! We welcome Lucian Halliday and his whānau to the Department; Lucian is currently completing weekly transition visits.

The end of Term 2 was fantastic. The College Matariki celebration and hangi was a highlight. Thank you to those families who came along and supported their students singing waiata on stage



in the hall with the Kapa haka group: Aidan, Lily, Annalise, Ellen, Molly, Sequoia, Louy, Hamish Wilson, Livia, Thomas and Ric. Thank you, as well, to all those who contributed vegetables for the shared kai at morning tea.

The last day of Term 2 started with a morning of fun activities organised by our Special Education Captains; this included paper plane contests from the top balcony of the hall, musical statues, and cornhole competitions with a House tug of war competition. The BBQ burgers at lunch time, thanks to the Food tech group, were very tasty. In the afternoon the Waiata House song competition was a stand out. All our students know the actions so well.

This term the Science group with Mr Granich are looking at the effect of plastics on the planet and creating “recycling, reducing, refusing” action plans. In Tikanga Mrs Drummond is introducing some new Waiata and revising words and actions with our old favourites! Maths groups with Mrs Rouse-Groome are furthering their measurement knowledge using time, percentages and fractions in small groups.

The Transition work experience students are in a wide variety of placements: Louis is running “The Chase” type quizzes at Kennington Village; Laura Joy continues helping with the lunch shift at The Woods retirement home. Louis and Tom are helping at the Salvation army Op shop sorting the donations. James Drummond has started at the Pics Peanut Butter factory, complete with steel capped boots! Bailey is working well at the Chia sisters factory. Jack and Sequoia are helping out in the Stoke and Nelson libraries. Jack is also learning to deliver the Leader newspaper. Students are also continuing their budget management unit in class and their individual programmes at the CLM gym.

In English students are increasing writing quantity and quality by using interesting details and including speech; designing quality questions for Kahoot story quizzes is another focus this term. In ICT and Social Studies we are following the progress of the Olympics.

The Outdoor Ed group are honing their fitness and camping skills for the overnight camp in October and making the most of this amazingly settled weather kayaking when the tide is high. The Dance Education group are working together to produce a medley of songs and related dance sequences. In Food Tech, independence with Food preparation and robust tidy up skills is the main mission. And the PE focus is on game skills e.g team, work passing, strategy, self management with ‘invasion’ games.

Our students following mainstream subjects are completing their Yr 9 module rotations and Thomas has just returned from the Year 11 Geography field trip.

Thank you for your continued communication especially with the taxi changes and daily diary notes.

Sarah and the teaching team

Dates for the diary Term 3 2024

Friday 9 August - School photos 9 am
Wednesday 28 August - Special Olympics Basketball Saxton Stadium
Friday 6 September- Teacher only Day



Thursday 10 February 2021