

SNELL HAPORI

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 7

TUESDAY 10TH JUNE - BAY
SUBURBS RUGBY

THURSDAY 12TH JUNE - COLENSO
HOUSE COLOUR DAY

WEEK 8 (MATARIKI WEEK)

MONDAY 16TH JUNE - KI O RAHI
FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 19TH JUNE - HIKOI TO
KOHIMARAMA BEACH, CLASS
PHOTOS, WEARABALE ARTS

FRIDAY 20TH JUNE - MATARIKI (NO
SCHOOL)

WEEK 9

TUESDAY 24TH JUNE - BAY
SUBURBS NETBALL, ESOL SHARED
LUNCH

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE - REPORTS
HOME, LAST DAY!

YEAR 7 AND 8 OVERVIEW

We've had a fantastic start to Term 2 and are excited to share what we've been up to!

With this term's focus on Science, we've explored a variety of topics in preparation for the upcoming STEAM Fair. In Weeks 2 and 3, we learned about The States of Matter and created "pyramids of knowledge" to show our understanding. In Weeks 4 and 5, we investigated Forces of Motions and Newton's Laws. For this we made rubber band rockets, and drew diagrams to explain how forces act on objects. We're looking forward to continuing our science learning as we step into Chemical Reactions, and choosing our own STEAM Fair projects to explore.

We've also been integrating Science into our Literacy lessons, focusing on writing effective PEEL paragraphs, high-quality instructions, and clear methods. These skills will be especially useful for our STEAM Fair projects.

In Mathematics, we have been focusing on multiplication and division, including solving larger problems and those involving decimals using a range of strategies. Before moving on to measurement, we'll be focusing on converting between fractions, decimals, and percentages.

Students have also been making great progress with their William Pike Challenge, completing both their volunteer hours and "learning something new" hours. Ka pai! We're looking forward to the upcoming William Pike trips and everything else Term 2 has in store.

YEAR 6 OVERVIEW

It has been a busy and exciting term for Year 6!

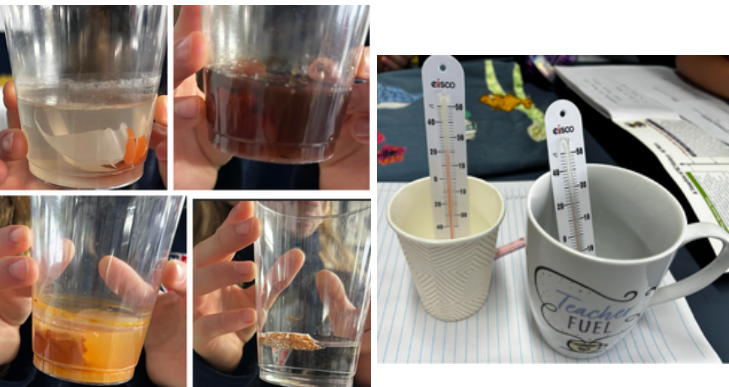
We've been developing our scientific thinking through hands-on experiments, diving into the thought-provoking text *Varmints* as part of our literacy unit, and learning how to write clear and informative explanation texts. In Mathematics, we've taken on the challenge of multiplying and dividing large numbers, building strong strategies and confidence as mathematicians.

For the remainder of the term, we'll apply our multiplication knowledge to real-world measurement problems, including area, volume, and perimeter. In writing, each student will choose a topic of personal interest to research and use this to craft their own explanation text. We'll also design and carry out our own science investigations, following the full scientific process.

To finish the term, we'll begin exploring different speech genres and the theme *Whenua* as a foundation for writing and presenting speeches next term.

SCIENCE

Year 6 have been working hard using the Scientific Process. We have investigated the impact of different surfaces, which material is the best heat insulator and the effect of certain liquids on tooth decay. We followed the Scientific Process of question, hypothesize, materials, procedure (using our skills from our Explanation writing topic) results gathering and drawing conclusions. This should help us next year when we do our Science Boards for our version of the STEAM fair! To be successful we had to work as a team, making sure we kept a fair test by controlling all variables and measure accurately. If you want to know how to keep your cup of coffee nice and hot, what drinks are good for you and how to create the best surface for your toy car, Year 6 are the guys to ask!



RUGBY SESSIONS

Snell Team Rugby Sessions with Grammar Tech

Snell Team has been fortunate to take part in four rugby sessions led by representatives from Grammar Tech Rugby Club. Throughout these sessions, students developed key rugby skills, including passing techniques, quick reaction drills, and learning how to tackle the tackle bag safely. The coaches brought great energy and enthusiasm, creating a fun and engaging environment for all students. Each week, the children had the opportunity to apply their new skills in an adapted game of rugby often resulting in muddy PE gear and plenty of laughter. These sessions were a fantastic experience for everyone involved, and we are grateful to the Grammar Tech team for sharing their expertise and passion for the sport.



EASTERN ZONE FOOTBALL

On the 15th of May, 13 Year 8 boys went to the Eastern Zones Football Tournament. The tournament ran from approximately 9:30am to 2:00pm. We played 5 games against other schools in the Auckland area. A highlight from the day was our final match where we were down 2-0 at halftime, but came back to win 3-2 with Grayson scoring the winning goal. This victory secured us third place, which is a great achievement for us and the school. Several of our Year 8 students also participated in referee training and were then able to referee for the Bay Suburbs Tournament. This was an excellent opportunity that contributed towards our William Pike Challenge Community Service hours. Harry H and Ollie B