

Rooms 4, 5, Kauri Term 3 - 2020 Newsletter

Welcome back to
School for Term 3.

We hope you enjoyed the winter holidays and managed to get out and enjoy some of the breaks in the weather.

Stationery Request:

Please ask your child if they need any new pens, pencils, rulers, glue sticks, erasers or exercise books.

Thanks in advance.

Reminders:

We appreciate children leaving toys at home. We cannot always ensure the safety of toys at school and to avoid disappointment, they are better left at home. You are welcome to email your child's teacher a photo to share for news.

To ensure everyone stays well this term please keep your child at home if they are unwell.

Open afternoon:

Friday 7th August 1.30-3pm

Student led conferences:

Tuesday 11th August 1-7.30pm

Wednesday 12th August 3.30 – 6pm

Booking details are in the school newsletter

Inquiry – 'Change over time'

Our Inquiry this term is all about how society has changed since 1900. We will be researching how technology, fashion, transportation and buildings have changed over time.

Later in the term, we will also be learning about earthquake safety as well as what to do in an emergency.

Reading

Reading will be focused around our Chapter Chat novel, this is focused learning in response to a syndicate text, 'Slime' by David Walliams. We will also teach reading strategies with an emphasis on evaluation, showing a developing understanding of ideas within, across and beyond texts.

Some of our more junior children will continue to develop their phonological awareness.

Writing

Written language topics will include information report writing and explanation writing. We will be linking our inquiry topic into our writing topics so that children can make links between inquiry and writing for a purpose.

Mathematics

At the beginning of the term, we will be learning about fractions. Once all classes have covered this area, we will turn our attention towards addition/subtraction with a focus around money. Our strand focus will be measurement/volume. We will finish the term with a return visit to multiplication and division.

Homework

Homework will continue in Term 3 with a weekly homework sheet sent home on a Monday which needs to be returned to school on Friday. Just a reminder that we are trying to encourage children to self-manage their homework and take responsibility for completing their homework tasks to a high standard. Please encourage children to bring their homework book to school on Friday so that they can work independently on their learning goals.

I-Science

This term, our tamariki will continue with I-Science on a Friday. We have changed the format this term and it is now similar to the rubric the children used over lockdown. There will be nine different activities to choose from and the children will be expected to complete a minimum of three to complete over the term. The focus is on the children spending time to plan and then produce quality outcomes.

This part of the curriculum will help to promote lifelong learners who can make predictions, ask questions and research their interest through play and observations.

This will be a fun and engaging way to promote inquiry thinkers. Discovery is a busy time and the children use a lot of different resources for their creations.

If you have any of the following items at home, we would greatly appreciate you bringing them in.

List of resources:

Paper, newspaper, magazines, paper towel rolls, cereal boxes, cardboard boxes, old toy cars and trucks, guttering, wool, string, elastic, material, popsicle sticks, plastics bottles, paper plates, plastic cups, wooden pegs, skewers, beads, buttons, plastic bottle caps, cookie cutters, knitting needles and egg cartons.

Thank you in advance.

Health and Physical Education

Term 3 is our cross country term. We will be training for cross country every day and would appreciate all children wearing appropriate shoes, e.g. trainers. Cross Country is scheduled for: Wednesday 19th August - 1pm until 3pm at Corbett Park. ***Children can choose to wear trainers or go barefoot when running but will need to walk down to Corbett Park with covered shoes.***

We are looking forward to a great term and welcome and appreciate your support. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards

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