

Rooms 4,5,Kauri Newsletter Term Three 2021

Welcome back

Welcome back to Term 3, we hope you enjoyed your holidays.

Winter essentials:

Please make sure that your child wears and brings warm clothes to school and has appropriate footwear.

As our field regularly gets muddy, we would appreciate that all children take their shoes off before entering their classroom. This is a great time to practise tying shoelaces if your child is unable to do so. A change of clothes at the bottom of school bags can also be helpful.

We will be continuing to remind the children to wash their hands regularly. If your child is unwell please keep them at home.

We welcome Mrs Lorraine Bilkey into Room 5 this term.

TERM TWO TOPICS

INQUIRY: Big idea - Wai (water) is life. We will continue with this inquiry and will now be researching efficient ways to keep our waterways clean and healthy. We will then move onto studying the Olympic games, the history, the symbols and sporting events.

WRITTEN LANGUAGE:

The children will be learning the key elements involved in writing informational reports and narratives. Students will continue to look at surface features that include the consistent use of capital letters and full stops and correct spelling of high frequency words.

TE REO

During this term our tamariki will be learning about the significance of our houses and their names, Koru, Matekai. Patuha and Wairau.

Our te reo lessons will focus on asking simple statements and questions e.g Homai te pene (pass me the pen).

READING FOCUS:

Daily reading for all children will continue with a designated teacher in our team. Children are being taught specifically to their needs e.g. decoding the text, comprehension and inference skills. The majority of children will continue to bring a book home from school to read to you each night. It is important to listen to your child read aloud regardless of their reading ability. This ensures they are reading fluently and phrasing the text correctly. It also enables you to discuss the story with your child, encouraging understanding.

Book bags are essential. Please return school readers daily.

MATHEMATICS:

Our focus area in mathematics will be building key knowledge, strategies to use in problem solving and in particular with multiplication and division. We are beginning the term with fractions before moving onto measurement.

DISCOVERY AND THE ARTS:

This term our Discovery Time will be linked to the Olympic games. The tamariki will be part of a rotation where they play sport, participate in arts and crafts and learn about the Japanese culture.

The children have sessions with Sam the music teacher this term. Sam will be focussing on singing and instruments.

We are lucky to have the NZ Playhouse theatre show - *Rumpelstiltskin* this term. The cost of this is covered by your child's activity fee.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

In Term 3 the tamariki will learn about running techniques in preparation for the school cross country.

We will be running everyday to increase our fitness for this event.

Please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear to run in. Cross country will be held on the school field. More details will be published in the school newsletters.

Cross country - Thursday 26th August.

The girls in our team are fortunate to be participating in a one day self defence course with Tayla Rapira. This is part of the national women's self defence network. Tayla is an experienced educator and our girls will benefit from her knowledge and skills. The programme is age specific. (An additional letter will be sent home)

HOME LEARNING:

Our goal as educators is to help the children develop a love of learning and be self-motivated and driven to learn. Home learning is an element of this and develops the partnership between home and school.

It is up to each family how much they do and the time spent. We provide your child with spelling, basic facts and a daily reader. This term we will be focusing on poetry and discussing the language features. This will also be glued into your child's home learning book. We encourage you to read this to your child and your child read it to you.

A reminder that there is a **teacher only day on Monday 30th August**. We look forward to another busy and fun term.

If you have any questions or queries please make time to discuss with your child's teacher.

Nga mihi
Renee, Eva and Lorraine