



9 February 2021

Kakariki Term 1 Team Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to a new year in Kakariki team for 2021! We are incredibly excited to see our Year 6's back as the leaders in their last year at St Joseph's, and welcome our Year 5's to the senior team of the school. Here is some basic information so you have an understanding of how it works in the Kakariki team.

Kakariki Teachers:

Pod 1

HG1 - Mrs Ingrid Young (ingridy@sj.school.nz)

HG2 - Miss Niamh O'Reilly (niamho@sj.school.nz)

Pod 2

HG3 - Miss Sarah Nicolson (Monday, Tuesday, Friday sarahn@sj.school.nz)

HG3 - Mrs Francisca Knottenbelt (Wednesday and Thursday franck@sj.school.nz)

HG4 - Miss Gemma Strother (gemmas@sj.school.nz)

HG5 - Mr Peter O'Connor (peteroc@sj.school.nz)

Daily routine:

All students will start and end the day with their Homegroup teacher. There will be a variety of opportunities throughout the year for students to work with different teachers and students depending on the lessons and themes.

Prayers:

Parents are welcome to stay and attend prayer with your child's class.

Monday: Pod prayers - our team will share prayers with their pods (half the team).

Tuesday - Thursday: we will start prayer with a song together as a Kakariki team and then walk to our Homegroups to continue prayer.

Friday: We will attend school prayers in the hall every Friday at 8:50 (parents welcome).

Home Learning (Will begin in Week 3)

Home Learning Challenges: are designed to encourage creative problem solving and we expect students to complete a minimum of 2 per term. The emphasis is on quality, rich, creative work and most projects will take 1 or 2 hours to do really well. It is a wonderful opportunity for family discussions and to share your child's innovative ideas. However it is not a competition and some students have a lot of extracurricular activities and need time to rest as well.

Spelling: Students will be tested and placed at their correct spelling level. Students will be learning spelling patterns, rules and words appropriate to their level and will do this on StepsWeb (online programme).

Reading: Students read their own books daily for a minimum of 15 minutes, including weekends.

Maths: Mathletics is used to work on number facts and tables at homes.

Religious Education: Sometimes they will have an RE activity or strand to follow up or share with you. Please sign it when it goes home and have a discussion about the work that they have done. Feel free to write a comment too.

Possessions: We encourage children to take ownership of their possessions, and to treat all property and digital devices with respect and care. All items, devices, earphones, clothing, stationery, shoes, hats and bags that are clearly named will be more likely to be returned to the owners in a short space of time.

BYOD: We encourage students to **bring their own digital device and earphones to school**. They know it is in their care throughout the day. While we do everything to keep these safe, it is their responsibility to bring it **into class and store it** until it is needed.

Children are aware of the rules surrounding the use of devices and know that a device will be removed from them if used inappropriately. At no time is it allowed out of the class, unless under the teacher's supervision. Recharging their device is carried out at night at home. Please encourage your child to remember to bring their device to school, if they have one next week, after the letter sent home this week has been signed.

Morning:

Please understand that even though rooms are open due to summer heat, students will remain outside our learning space until 8:20 each morning.

Trips:

There will be a variety of trips throughout the year which will require parental support. We thank you for your wonderful support in advance and for helping with Education Outside the Classroom especially with Waterwise and Camp which cannot happen without extra adult support.

Camp:

Year 6 Camp this year is in Term 2: Wednesday, 26th May - Friday, 28th May. We will have camp at Carey Park in Henderson Valley. While the Year 6 students are at school camp, the Year 5's will participate in their own Outdoor Education activities also (details TBC). More detailed information about Camp and how you can volunteer to help will be coming out in a notice later this term.

Waterwise:

Waterwise is a programme that we run for Year 5 and 6 students to develop students' self confidence, water safety, swimming and fitness, kayaking and sailing skills. Classes will attend Waterwise at Lake Pupuke on 2-3 Tuesday's throughout the year with their class teacher and trained instructors. We require a large number of parent helpers for this programme to run effectively so we ask that you volunteer if possible so that the programme can go ahead for your child's class.

Concerns:

If there is a question about your child's progress or a problem that you have experienced, we ask that you approach your child's class teacher first always. Most of the time they will sort out any problems and get back to you about their plan of action. If you are not satisfied with the solution provided, please see Miss Nicolson next. She will either work with the teacher to reach the desired solution or discuss the problem with other senior teachers.

Leadership:

A big part of the Kakariki team is developing the leadership capability and skills in all Year 5 and 6 students. There will be many opportunities throughout the year for students to step up and be role models for others. Please encourage your child to develop their independence and make good choices as they become the leaders at St Joseph's and prepare to head off to their next level of education. We are excited to support your child's growth and development in the Kakariki team this year!

Kind regards

Kakariki Teachers: Ingrid Young, Niamh O'Reilly, Sarah Nicolson, Francisca Knottenbelt, Gemma Strother and Peter O'Connor

Curriculum

<p>RE</p> <p>Prayer: We always begin the term with a focus on Prayer so that students at this level are able to plan and lead prayers and grow in their own spirituality through doing so.</p> <p>Our strand this term is the Jesus Strand</p> <p>We will also celebrate Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter</p>	<p>Inquiry</p> <p>Our theme is One Team/One Dream (Cooperation). Each term we will be taking one concept from our School Motto and breaking it down further. This theme will incorporate the Health and PE curriculum as well as Social Sciences.</p> <p>Concepts covered include:</p> <p>Treaty of Witangi; Digital Citizenship and Online Safety; our School Values and Growth Mindset; Cooperation skills in the different areas: sport, music/dance/drama, business and design, media such as animation etc.</p>
<p>Literacy</p> <p>Reading and writing programmes in Year 5 and 6 are designed so that children APPLY their knowledge and skills to a wide range of texts.</p> <p>The KEY MESSAGE is that they are reading and writing for a purpose and gain independence in being able to choose and select genres that are appropriate for the task.</p> <p>This term will see students carrying out co-operative reading and writing tasks: plays, letters, poetry, collaborative narratives among others.</p> <p>Spelling will be part of the weekly Literacy programme.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>We will begin the year with Number Knowledge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - place value - basic facts - ordering and sequencing numbers <p>Weeks 5 - 8: Addition and subtraction strategies and skills</p> <p>Weeks 9 - 10: Measurement - length and area</p>
<p>The Arts</p> <p>Children will begin by carrying out Visual Art activities linked to 'getting to know each other'</p> <p>They will then incorporate drama, music and dance into their learning by looking at how groups cooperate to perform (e.g orchestra's, dance groups, bands etc).</p>	<p>PE</p> <p>Waterwise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friday Week 1: Year 5's attend a training day - Tuesday's: Different classes attend Waterwise <p>Over the Back Fence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Programme with Rosmini College students running PE activities with the students (timetable TBC) <p>Tennis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 lessons in Week's 4 and 5 this term <p>Cooperative games</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 week rotation as a Kakariki team led by teachers

Important Dates for Kakariki team

<p>Week 1</p> <p>Tuesday 9th Feb School starts at 8:50</p> <p>Friday 12th Feb School Prayers 8:50 Year 5's Waterwise Year 6's Leadership</p>	<p>Week 2</p> <p>Wednesday 17th Feb Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 1:45</p> <p>Friday 19th Feb Family School Picnic 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Week 3</p> <p>Friday 26th Feb NZ Opera Performance at school 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Week 4</p> <p>Monday 1st and 2nd March Tennis (in school)</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd March HG5 Waterwise</p>	<p>Week 5</p> <p>Monday 8th and 9th March Tennis (in school)</p> <p>Tuesday 9th March HG3 Waterwise</p> <p>Thursday 11th March Cluster Swimming</p>
<p>Week 6</p> <p>Tuesday 16th March HG1 Waterwise</p>	<p>Week 7</p> <p>Tuesday 23rd March HG4 Waterwise</p>	<p>Week 8</p> <p>Tuesday 30th March HG2 Waterwise</p> <p>Thursday 1st April Holy Week Liturgy</p> <p>Friday 2nd April Good Friday - School Closed</p>	<p>Week 9</p> <p>Monday and Tuesday 5th and 6th April Easter - School closed</p>	<p>Week 10</p> <p>Sunday 11th April Shore to Shore</p> <p>Friday 16th April Last Day of Term</p>