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Kakariki Team Newsletter - Term 2, 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 2 for 2021. We had a great turn out at the Sharing the Learning at the end of the term so we thank so many of you for coming in to celebrate and share in the learning that was completed last term. Our theme for Term 2 is **Ka mahi te tawa uho ki te riri**. Our dual focus is on Courage and the Planet Earth and Beyond. Below are the upcoming curriculum focuses and important dates for Term 2.

EOTC Week: Camp for our Year 6's is at Camp Carey from Wednesday, 26th May to Friday, 28th May. The aim of this camp is for students to experience learning in the outdoors, take risks and challenge themselves, learn new skills, show teamwork and support others. During these 3 days, the Year 5's will have their own outdoor education programme. This will involve one day of team building and leadership based at school, one day of outdoor activities at Birkenhead Leisure Centre and one day of electives at school. We ask for parent volunteers to come and share their expertise with the Year 5's in a range of workshops the students can opt into (more information will be sent in Week 1 about this week for the Year 5's).

Reports: These will be coming out in a new format this year. We are moving to a digital form of reporting called Spotlight and you will be able to access your child's mid year report through the new parent app (more information coming out about this in Week 1).

We will report on a sample of what they have achieved in different aspects of Reading, Writing and Maths

- Their progress in relation to the NZ Curriculum levels
- Key competencies
- A General Comment that relates to Special Catholic Character, The Arts, PE and Inquiry learning
- The Spotlight Report will be shared with parents after the conference this term

Student Led Conferences: All students, with their parents, are expected to participate in Student Led Conferences

- The purpose of these is for the student to share their learning with their parents, with the teacher's support. It is a guided conversation between the student and parent, with education expertise on the side
- The outcome is that parents gain knowledge as to what their child has learnt and what their next steps are in their learning

Home Learning:

Home Learning Challenges: Encourage your child to continue aiming for at least 2 per term.

Spelling: We are going to continue using the student word lists from StepsWeb. Students will also write their lists in their spelling notebooks as they move to a new list. They will be tested every Friday to monitor progress. Please ensure they have spelling notebooks at school Mondays and Fridays.

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.

Important Dates for Kakariki Team

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Tuesday, 4th May HG4 Waterwise	Tuesday, 11th May HG2 Waterwise Wed, 12th May Rippa Rugby Thursday, 13th May Teacher Only Day	Tuesday, 18th May Camp Information Evening @6 p.m. for all Year 6 parents Friday, 21st May School Mass @9:15	EOTC week Wed-Fri: Y6 Camp Wed-Fri: Y5 EOTC days	Science learning begins

Week 6 Monday, 7th June Queens Birthday Friday, 11th June North Shore Catholic Schools Cultural Festival	Week 7 No extra dates	Week 8 Sunday, 20th June School Mass @10:30 Student Led Conferences begin Thursday, 24th June Rippa Rugby	Week 9 Student Led Conferences continue Friday, 2nd July Reports go live to parents	Week 10 Student Led Conferences continue Friday, 9th July Mufti Mania Last Day of term
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Kakariki Learning Term 2

<p>RE Our strands for this term are the Holy Spirit Strand, including Pentecost and the God Strand.</p> <p>Remember that you are always welcome to join us for: Monday: Pod prayers Tues, Wed, Thurs: Class prayers Friday: School prayers Thursday weeks 3, 6, 9: Team prayers and celebration</p> <p>Languages Te Reo learning will be integrated throughout the term and weekly lessons on Fridays begin. Matariki will be the focus for Week 8 this term also.</p>	<p>Inquiry Our theme is Ka mahi te tawa uho ki te riri. This means: Well done, you whose courage is like the heart of the tawa tree.</p> <p>We will be having a dual focus, looking at the word COURAGE in our school motto. This will include re-capping the cooperative skills the students were learning last term while encouraging them to step out from their comfort zones and show courage in all that they do and everyone they interact with this term.</p> <p>We will also be focusing on the Science curriculum to investigate a variety of concepts such as the solar system, natural resources, the rock cycle, weather patterns, land movements and natural disasters.</p>
<p>Literacy Reminder: In Year 5 and 6, reading and writing is for a purpose and students gain independence in being able to choose and select genres that are appropriate for the task.</p> <p>This term will see us focusing on Text Structure in and Language Features of texts relating to the theme. We will continue to look at developing the students skills in vocabulary choice, sentence structure, text structure and organisation of writing.</p> <p>Spelling will be part of the weekly Literacy programme with buddy tests each Friday.</p>	<p>Maths Weeks 1 - 3: Measurement - continuing from the end of Term 1. Concepts: length, area, volume, mass, capacity, time and angles.</p> <p>Weeks 5 - 10: Number - Multiplication and Division focus. During this time we will begin the weekly times tables practice. Students will need to be choosing tables to work on and if this could be supported with extra practice during home learning time, would be fantastic!</p>
<p>The Arts Drama - students will be role playing scenarios relating to Courage, being an upstander, being a strong individual with their own ideas and thoughts.</p> <p>Music - we have a Jellybeans Music Programme beginning this term, where students will have a weekly music slot to learn about reading basic sheet music through song and percussion.</p> <p>Visual Art - relating to Matariki</p>	<p>PE Waterwise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday, 4th May: HG4 - Tuesday, 11th May: HG2 <p>Over the Back Fence Fortnightly programme with Rosmini College students will begin this term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday 12:05 to 12:40 HG1 and 2 - Wednesday 9:10 to 9:50 HG3 and 4 - Wednesday 11:20 to 12:00 HG5 <p>School Camp and EOTC week 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Year 6s - Camp Carey - Year 5's - EOTC activities

Please remember that you are always welcome to email us if you have any concerns about your child at school and we can set up a time to meet. We look forward to another action packed term or living and learning in Kakariki Team.

Kind regards

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