



Kakapo Team Newsletter - Term 2



Welcome back to a new term of learning in Kakapo using the theme of:

Courage: Kaha - Protecting God's Creations

Here is some of the learning in Term 2...

<p>Religious Education: Strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Spirit • Communion of Saints <p>Liturgical Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pentecost • The Ascension <p>Tika - Justice, Pono - Truth, Aroha - Compassion, Manaakitanga - Hospitality, Tapu - Respect Reminder all whanau are invited to Wednesday team prayers and celebration of learning in the hall</p>	<p>Maths: Topics to be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurement - Length, area and perimeter • Multiplication and division • Addition and subtraction <p>Please help your child to complete the Mathematics activities for these topics as this will support their school learning.</p>
<p>Reading Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-fiction texts • Persuasive texts • Information reports • Non-fiction text features such as text boxes, headings and captions • Reading at home for at least 15 minutes every day for your own enjoyment 	<p>Writing Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-fiction texts • Persuasive texts • Information reports • Letter writing • Visual literacy <p>Spelling: Starting in Week 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday spelling tests and new words based on the spelling patterns identified from their spelling inventory on StepsWeb • continue using Steps Web https://stepsweb.com/ from home.
<p>Inquiry: Protecting God's Creations In our inquiries we will be looking at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What we can do to protect God's Creations <p>Science:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal classification • Habitats • Eco-systems • Threats to animals <p>Social Sciences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social responsibility 	<p>The Arts: Visual Art:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sketching and shading skills • creating Art pieces using recycled materials (It would be a great idea to collect some recycled materials at home that we could use e.g. bottle caps) • Dioramas <p>Music:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to music • Creating beat and rhythm
<p>Physical Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness • Throwing and catching 	<p>Key Competencies: During prayer and our programmes we have an emphasis on developing the Key Competencies. Thinking, Relating to Others, Understanding Symbols and Texts, Managing Self, Participating and Contributing. What will these look like and sound like for the Kakapo children?</p>

Home Learning: Please remember to sign your child's weekly home learning.

Some important dates for Kakapo Team:

Week 1 - May Monday 3rd: First day back Tuesday 4th: Jellybeans Music starts	Week 2 - May Wednesday 12th: Ripa Rugby day 1 Thursday 13th: Teacher Only Day (No School)
Week 3 - May Friday 21st : School Mass @9:15	Week 4 - May
Week 5 - June	Week 6 - June Monday 7th : Queens Birthday (No School) Friday 11th : North Shore Catholic Schools Cultural Festival
Week 7 - June Sunday 20th: School Mass @ 10:30am	Week 8 - June Student Led Conferences begin - more information to come Thursday 24th: Ripa Rugby day 2
Week 9 - June/July Student Led Conferences continue Friday 2nd July: Reports go live to parents	Week 10 - July Student Led Conferences continue Friday 8th: Roopu Rua (HG 9, 10, 11) Liturgy @ 1.30pm Friday 9th: Last Day of Term 2 - Mufti Mania Day *Children can choose school-appropriate colours to wear and bring a gold coin to donate

* Look at for further dates on the school calendar and weekly Home Learning sheet.

* We are hoping to do a school trip again this term-once organised we will update you with this information. We always appreciate any help if available.

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 are

Contact: If you have any queries please contact your child's Home Group teacher:

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As always you are welcome to be part of our class programmes and prayer.

Ngā mihi, **Kakapo Team Teachers**