



**Team Kea
Term 2 Newsletter
3 May 2021**

Welcome

We have all returned for a new and exciting term of learning. This term KeaTeam is continuing to work on part of the School Motto - Courage (Kaha). We will be incorporating this into all aspects of our learning as we study the ANZAC story, Famous Local Heroes and how they showed Courage as well as Matariki.

We have a very busy term ahead including our Class Liturgy and Jellybeans music lessons once a week.

Religious Education and Prayers:

Monday: We will meet for prayer as a Kea team (this will take place in our learning space downstairs in the Nest). Parents are welcome to stay and attend prayer with the Team.

Tuesday - Thursday: We will start prayer with a song together as a Kea team in the Nest and then walk to our Homegroups prayer space to continue prayer.

Friday: We will continue with whole school prayers in the hall at 8.50M

RE: Our strands this term are Communion of Saints, Holy Spirit Strand, Liturgical Year (Ascension 13th May Week 2 Pentecost Sunday 23rd May). Here is a link for families on the [Faith Alive](#) site which gives you information on the Strands, family prayer and rituals.

Maths Strands

Number - Number Knowledge (instant recall and recognition), Fractions (halves and quarters)
Geometry (shapes and solids), **Algebra** (patterns and relationships)

Social Sciences Strand

People in our Community

Understand how the past is important to people. We will be studying ANZAC and Local Heroes

Science

Planet Earth and beyond - We will share ideas and observations about the Sun and the Moon and their physical effects on the heat and light available to Earth. We will link this to Matariki.

Health and P.E. Strand

Participate in regular PE activities and games as well as exploring 'feelings' and what makes things fun.

The Arts

Visual Art and Drama - around our learning



Dance - Folk Dancing

Term Events

Wk 2 13/5 Teacher Only Day

Wk 3 21/May School Mass 9.15am

Wk 6 7/6 Queens Birthday holiday

Wk 7 16/6 Kea Liturgy 9-10am TBC

Wk 8 20/6 School and Parish Mass 10.30am

Wks 8-10 Student Led Conferences

Wk 10 9/7 Last day of term and Mufti Mania

Kea Team Notices

We are ensuring that the children return to school routines and understand the expectations. This term our learning focus is based around *Courage* so in order to be our best selves and best learners we encourage all children to have a hearty breakfast and arrive at school before the 8.50am bell. We have noticed that the children actually need to have some time to get organised for school and have a chat with their friends.

Thank you for ensuring your child reads each night and that you sign the Home Learning book. As the children are bringing home longer texts, please do not feel you have to listen to the whole book. Choose one or two pages to listen to and ask your child some questions to check their understanding. Our focus in Reading this term will be on comprehension (or understanding what they are reading) and retelling the story in their own words and in the correct sequence. Some open ended questions you might ask are: Why do you think ? What would you have done if? Also checking on any unfamiliar words - What does mean?

Thanks to the wonderful parents who help out by putting books away, sharpening pencils and cleaning tables. Although these jobs seem small, they make a HUGELY positive impact in our learning space.

Please ensure all children's clothing is labelled clearly including shoes (use a twink pen). Please also have a look around your home to see that you have only your child's belongings. Hats are not compulsory in Term 2 but your child may still choose to wear one. A folded raincoat is also ideal to have in your child's backpack for the wet weather and please ensure your child wears a raincoat to school if it is raining.

As the weather starts to deteriorate it is a good idea to include a game, puzzle or colouring book that your child can use when they can't go outside at break times.

A reminder that your child can access their StepsWeb Spelling programme and Mathletics site to continue to develop at their own pace. They have their login details in the front of their home learning books.

Food Allergies: There are students with food allergies in the Kea team, could you please talk to your child about the importance of not sharing food.



Tissues: A reminder to send your box of tissues if you haven't already as this is the start of the 'cold' season..

Library Day: Wednesday, please help your child to return their library book to the Home Group library box.

Communication

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

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Reporting

You will be contacted later in the term to organise a time to meet with your child's teacher in regards to their learning progress. These will take place in weeks 8-10. Your child will be present for part of this conference. More information will be provided closer to the time. Please keep an eye out for this.

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KeaTeam Teachers