



**Team Kea
Term 3 Newsletter
26 July 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 - Courtesy (Atawhai). We will be incorporating this into all aspects of our learning, prayer and play.

Religious Education and Prayers:

Monday: We 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 we move to our Home Group prayer space within the Nest. At times to support each other we continue with team prayers.

Friday: Whole school prayers in the hall at 8.50am - we would love for you to attend these with us.

RE: Our strands this term are God Strand, Sacrament Strand. Here is a link for families on the [Faith Alive](#) site which gives you information on the Strands, family prayer and rituals.

Maths Number - Number Knowledge (instant recall and recognition of our basic number facts, doubles and halves of numbers to 20), Fractions (halves and quarters)

As discussed at Parent Conferences, we will continue with our Number Talk using dot pictures and other pictures to hook in the students to the learning they will be doing that day. All work is completed with a buddy using manipulative materials. Be sure to ask your child what they did for maths each day. One half of the class will be working with the teacher while the other half is doing independent maths tasks and games.

Social Sciences Strand

- Understand how places in New Zealand are significant for individuals and groups.

Continuing on from the Knowledge -athon each week we will have a Kea quiz question as part of our home learning for our tamariki to find the answer to and then share with the class.

Science

- Explore everyday examples of physical phenomena, such as movement, forces, light, sound, heat.

Movement, light, and heat as part of the lead into health which is our major learning focus this term.

Health and P.E. Strand - My Wonderful AMAZING BODY and BRAIN

- Describe feelings and ask questions about their health, growth, development, and personal needs and wants.
- Participate in creative and regular physical activities and identify enjoyable experiences.
- Develop a wide range of movement skills, using a variety of equipment and play environments.

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We will be looking at our healthy needs through Life Education, Food, How our brain works, swimming, gymnastics, dance

The Arts

Visual Art and Drama - around our learning

Dance - Learning our Dance for the School Production

Some important dates for Kea Team and our School

Week 1 - July Monday 26th: First day back Friday 30th: Grandparents Day Knowledge-athon	Week 2 - August Thursday 5th: 7pm Cyber Safety Information
Week 3 - August Tuesday 10th: Teacher Only Day (No School)	Week 4 - August
Week 5 - August	Week 6 - August/September Life Education arrives
Week 7 - September Life Education Sunday 12th: School Mass @ 10:30 am Friday 10th: 9:am Cross Country	Week 8 - September Life Education Swimming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday- times to be advised Book Fair Week Monday 13th: Book Dress Up day Saver Day for Cross Country 2:50 - 4:00pm Book Fair Afternoon Tea Friday 17th: 7pm Quiz Night
Week 9 - September Swimming Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday- times to be advised	Week 10 - September/October Mercy Week Chinese Language Week Tuesday 28th: 9:15am Cross Country (saver day) Wednesday 29th: 1:45pm Sharing the Learning Friday 1st: 9:15am Mercy Week Mass

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

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 **My Wonderful AMAZING BODY and BRAIN**, 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.

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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. 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.

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. If you are not sure about either of these programmes please see your child's teacher.

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

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