



Tuesday 3 May 2022

Kakariki Team Newsletter - Term 2, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back for another action packed term in the Kakariki Team. We have lots of awesome things that are happening this term and there will be plenty of opportunities for the students to work with different teachers and students across our pods and teams.

A special welcome to Mr Stephen Rae, who started with us at the end of Term 1 and is teaching in Home Group 2.

Below are the upcoming curriculum focuses and important dates for Term 2.

EOTC Week: Monday 16th May - Wednesday 18th May

Year 6 Camp: This will take place at Carey Park Camp in Henderson. The aim of this camp is for students to experience learning outside the classroom, take risks, challenge themselves, learn new skills, show teamwork and support others. Please make sure that you have paid your child's camp fees.

Year 5 EOTC Programme: While the Year 6's are at camp, the Year 5's will have their own outdoor education programme.

Monday 16th May	Tuesday 17th May	Wednesday 18th May
Elective workshops at school run by the parents and teachers.	Team building and leadership activities at school with the Teachers.	Paradise Ice Skating Rink trip

Home Learning

Home Learning Challenges: Continue to encourage your child to complete at least two of these challenges per term (glued into their home learning books).	Reading: Students read their own books for a minimum of 20 minutes each day, including weekends.
Spelling: Student weekly word lists are tested every Friday. The children also have online activities on StepsWeb to support their learning in this area (approx 30 mins across the week).	Maths: Mathletics is used to support the strategies that the children are working on at school. They can also work on number facts and tables at homes (approx 30 mins across the week).

Important Dates for the Kakariki Team

Mondays: Library sessions - please encourage children to return their books each week.

Tuesdays: Jellybeans Music sessions

Week 1 Tuesday 3 May HG4 Waterwise	Week 2 Monday 9 May Football Promo sessions in class.	Week 3 EOTC Week: Monday 16 May - Wednesday 18 May - Year 6 Camp. - Year 5 EOTC days	Week 4 Monday 23 May Year 6 Boys Rosmini Orientation Day 1:30pm	Week 5 Tuesday 31 May HG1 Waterwise
Tuesday 3 May Camp Information Evening at 7pm at school for all Year 6 parents (in HG4).	Tuesday 10 May HG3 Waterwise		Tuesday 24 May HG2 Waterwise	

<p>Week 6 Monday 6 June Queens Birthday</p> <p>Tuesday 7 June HG5 makeup Waterwise session</p>	<p>Week 7 No extra dates</p>	<p>Week 8 Friday 24 June Matariki Public Holiday</p>	<p>Week 9 No extra dates</p>	<p>Week 10 Friday 8 July YCC Day (formally Mufti Mania)</p>
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Kakariki Learning Term 2

<p style="text-align: center;">RE</p> <p>Our strands for this term are the Holy Spirit Strand including Ascension Thursday and Pentecost.</p> <p>Languages Te Reo and tikanga will be integrated into our programmes throughout the term, as well as being used in our daily greetings and commands.</p> <p>Matariki will be the focus for our learning in Weeks 8 & 9 of this term, looking at different ways that the Māori New Year is celebrated.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Inquiry</p> <p>We are continuing with mini inquiry units that will go over 1-2 weeks. This ensures that the children's interest levels are maintained, and they are encouraged to explore a range of topics.</p> <p>With our Inquiry learning, there is a focus on students constructing their own learning and meanings. Inquiry enables students to learn through curiosity, discovery, and collaboration. Some units that we will cover this term are:</p> <p>ANZAC, Co-operation and Leadership (to tie in with our EOTC week), Creepy Crawlies and Matariki.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy</p> <p>We will cover a range of text types over the term based around the inquiry topic for the week. Students will gain independence in being able to choose and select genres that are appropriate for the tasks they are completing.</p> <p>The texts will be differentiated to cater for different learners in our classes and the children will have an element of choice with their follow-up tasks.</p> <p>Spelling is part of the weekly Literacy programme.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>Weeks 1 - 5: Multiplication & Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Times table blitz to ensure that children are able to promptly recall their times table and division facts. - Explore different multiplication and division strategies to solve a range of problems. <p>Weeks 6-10: Proportions & Ratios</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work through a range of problems related to proportions and ratio - Practice their knowledge and strategies in this area. <p>Strand focus: Statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completing statistical investigations using the enquiry cycle. - Statistical literacy: commenting on and displaying data - Explore probability (chance, predictions and outcomes).
<p style="text-align: center;">The Arts</p> <p>Drama - drama opportunities will be included in the units of inquiry topics where possible.</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 - exploring different art techniques materials relating to the different units of inquiry.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>Waterwise: In Term 1, each Home Group had a very successful day at Lake Pupuke. The focus was on developing confidence in the water, capsizing an optimist and being able to upright it and get back in.</p> <p>In Term 2, each class will have their 2nd session at Lake Pupuke, with a focus on increasing their confidence in the water, sailing an optimist and developing their kayaking skills.</p> <p>School Camp and EOTC week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Year 6s - Carey Park Camp - Year 5's - EOTC activities - <p>Cooperative games in Home Groups, pods and teams</p>

Learning is a partnership between home and school. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to support you and your family with your child's learning. Your first point of contact is your child's teacher, followed by Miss Bateman.

Kind regards

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Pod 1

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Pod 2

HG3 - Ms Gemma Strother (gemmas@sj.school.nz)

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HG4 - Mrs Francisca Knottenbelt (Wednesday and Thursday) (franck@sj.school.nz)

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

Learning Support Assistants (Mrs Tracy Foster and Ms Wilma Hillhorst)

Rosmini Open Day (Year 6 Boys)

Rosmini would like to have an Open Day just for the St Joseph's families.

Date: Monday 23 May.

Time: 1:30pm.

Where: Meet in the auditorium.

We will share enrolment details and give your son a chance to look around the college and allay any misgivings boys often experience as they face secondary school.

Rosmini College is looking forward to seeing our St Joseph neighbours.