



Tuesday 26 July 2022

Kakariki Team Newsletter - Term 3, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 3! We had an action packed Term 2 - with Camp for the Year 6's, our Year 5 EOTC week, Waterwise, Jellybean Music lessons and the Thrill Zone Challenge. The children completed Inquiry units about ANZAC Day, Leadership & Co-operation, Creepy Crawlies, Archaeology, Matariki and finished off the term with some Winter poetry.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for this term and we are looking forward to doing more activities together in our pods and the wider Kakariki Team.

We welcome back Ms Niamh O'Reilly, who will be teaching Home Group 3 for the rest of the year. We also farewell Ms Gemma Strother, who will be joining the Kakapo team in Term 3, before going on Maternity leave in Term 4. We wish her all the best for this next chapter in her life.

Important Dates for the Kakariki Team

<p>Week 1</p> <p>Commonwealth Games begin</p> <p>Tues 26 July: Jellybeans make up Music session</p> <p>Thurs 28 July: MSports Rugby Promo</p>	<p>Week 2</p> <p>Commonwealth Games</p> <p>Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences</p>	<p>Week 3</p> <p>Thurs 11 Aug: STRIKE music show</p> <p>Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences</p>	<p>Week 4</p> <p>Wed 17 Aug: ICAS English Competition</p> <p>Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences</p>	<p>Week 5</p> <p>Wed 24 Aug: ICAS Science Competition</p> <p>School Speech competition</p>
<p>Week 6</p> <p>Tues 30 Sept: North Shore Speech competition</p> <p>Wed 31 Aug: ICAS Maths Competition</p>	<p>Week 7</p> <p>Caritas Social Justice Week</p> <p>Tues 6 Sept: School Cross Country (TBC)</p> <p>Thurs 8 Sept: School Cross Country SAD</p>	<p>Week 8</p> <p>Māori Language Week</p> <p>Cluster Cross Country (TBC)</p> <p>Life Education starts</p>	<p>Week 9</p> <p>Catholic Schools Cross Country (TBC)</p> <p>Mercy Week Mass (TBC)</p> <p>Life Education</p>	<p>Week 10</p> <p>Mercy Week</p> <p>Life Education</p>

Kakariki Term 3 Learning

<p style="text-align: center;">RE</p> <p>The Strands that we will cover this term are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Strand • Communion of Saints • Mercy Charism <p>The children will also plan and lead weekly prayers in their Home Groups.</p> <p>We continue to focus on how we can show our Mercy Values in our daily school lives:</p> <p>Tika - Justice, Pono - Truth, Aroha - Compassion, Manaakitanga - Hospitality, Tapu - Respect</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Inquiry</p> <p>With Inquiry learning, there is a focus on students constructing their own learning and meanings through curiosity, discovery, and collaboration. This term, we will be focusing on the following Inquiry units:</p> <p>Commonwealth Games: PE/Leadership/Fair Play/History/Geography</p> <p>Digital Citizenship: IT/being responsible online/Key Competencies</p> <p>Market Day unit: Financial Literacy/advertising/economics/business planning/marketing/arts & crafts/market research</p>
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Literacy

We will cover a range of text types over the term based around the inquiry focus.

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.

Students will gain independence in being able to choose and select genres that are appropriate for the tasks they are completing.

Reading:

- Non-fiction texts (current events & information reports)
- Persuasive texts/arguments
- Fiction texts (narratives, myths & legends)

Writing:

- Researching skills & non-fiction information reports
- Speech writing workshops
- Narratives
- Reflections on the Market Day unit

Spelling:

- This is part of the weekly Literacy programme and targets the needs of the children in the Home Group.

Maths

Weeks 1 - 5: Proportions & Ratios

- Work through a range of problems related to proportions and ratios
- Practice their knowledge and strategies in this area.

Strand focus: Measurement

- Length
- Volume and Capacity
- Area
- Weight
- Temperature
- Time
- Angles

Weeks 6-10: Subtraction & Division

- Recapping knowledge and strategies in these two areas that were previously covered this year

Strand focus: Geometry

- Shape (Plane shapes, prisms and nets)
- Position and Orientation (Coordinates and distance)
- Transformation (Translation, reflection, rotation and enlargement)

The Arts

Drama & Music - opportunities will be included in the classroom programme.

Visual Art - we will be studying different artists and their works over the course of the term. This will create opportunities for the students to delve into different techniques, skills and styles of visual art. We will also be exploring traditional art from the countries in the Commonwealth.

PE

This term we will focus on team building activities related to the Commonwealth Games.

We will also cover:

- Gymnastics
- Jump Jam
- Sports Rotations

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.

Māori Language week will be acknowledged in Term 3, Week 8.

Key Competencies

During our learning and teaching programmes, we place an emphasis on developing the Key Competencies:

Thinking, Relating to Others, Understanding Symbols and Texts, Managing Self, Participating and Contributing.

Daily Reminders for the children

Charge devices at home each night.	Bring earphones or headphones to school.	Water bottles.	Jumpers/raincoats as it's getting colder and we need to ventilate the spaces by having the windows open.
Brain food - only fruit & vegetables at 9:45am.	Check you have the correct stationery.	Please wear your uniform with pride.	

Please read the [Principal's message](#) that was emailed to you, so you are aware of the **ORANGE** Alert Level Guidelines at St Joseph's School.

Home Learning

<p>Home Learning Challenges: Please continue to encourage your child to complete at least <u>two</u> of these challenges per term.</p> <p>These need to be signed off by an adult at home and their Home Group teacher once completed.</p>	<p>Reading: Students read their own books for a minimum of 20 minutes each day, including weekends.</p> <p>The children can also get books out from the school library every <u>Monday</u>.</p>
<p>Spelling: Student word lists are tested every Friday.</p> <p>The children also have online activities on <u>StepsWeb</u> to support their learning in this area (approx 30 mins across the week).</p>	<p>Maths: <u>Mathletics</u> is used to support the knowledge and strategies that the children are working on at school.</p> <p>They can also work on basic facts and times tables at home (approx 30 mins across the week).</p>

We will be discontinuing the weekly home learning sheet this term. Everything the children need is glued into their home learning books and is up on the Kakariki Google Site.

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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