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Kakariki Team Newsletter - Term 4, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Wow, we can't believe it is Term 4 already - this year is flying by!

In Term 3, we learnt about the Commonwealth Games, Digital Citizenship, speeches and Market Day! We also had Parent/student/teacher conferences, Social Justice Week, cross country events, Life Education sessions and Mercy Week!

Term 4 is looking super busy as well and we are looking forward to all of the exciting opportunities that have been made available to us.

Important Dates for the Kakariki Team

<p><u>Week 1: 17-21 Oct</u> Read-a-thon Tues, Wed & Thurs: Kakariki swimming lessons (Millennium Pools) Fri: MSports Football Promo</p>	<p><u>Week 2: 24-28 Oct</u> Read-a-thon Mon: Labour Day (no school) Tues, Wed & Thurs: Kakariki swimming lessons (Millennium Pools) Fri: School Mass 9:15am</p>	<p><u>Week 3: 31 Oct-4 Nov</u> Read-a-thon Tues: Waterwise session HG5 Tues: NSS Swim Competition (select chn) Thurs: Book Week begins Fri: Carmel, Rosmini & St Mary's Orientation Days</p>	<p><u>Week 4: 7-11 Nov</u> Book Week continues Mon: Pirihaaka whanau breakfast & Book parade Tues: Waterwise session HG1 Mon & Tues: Poetry - guest speaker Fri: Disco (evening)</p>	<p><u>Week 5: 14-18 Nov</u> Tues: Waterwise session HG2 Wed: Puberty - Parent Information evening 6:30pm Thurs: Waterwise Regatta</p>
<p><u>Week 6: 21-25 Nov</u> Tues: School athletics Day Thurs: School photos</p>	<p><u>Week 7: 28 Nov-2 Dec</u> Tues: Waterwise session HG3 Thurs: Cluster athletics</p>	<p><u>Week 8: 5-9 Dec</u> Tues: Waterwise session HG4 Wed: Year 6 Graduation Mass (evening) (TBC) Thurs & Fri: Kakariki Tiritiri Matangi Trip (2 ½ classes go each day)</p>	<p><u>Week 9: 12-16 Dec</u> Mon: Parent Thank you morning tea Tues: Waterwise make up session (if needed) Wed: End of Year Liturgy & picnic Fri: 1pm school finishes for the year</p>	

Kakariki Term 4 Learning

<p>RE</p>	<p>Inquiry</p>
<p>Religious Education is an important part of our teaching and learning programme. This term, we will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sacraments • Advent • Christmas Around The World <p>The children also take part in leading weekly prayers in their Home Groups, pods and the wider Kakariki Team.</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>The Scientific Process: Developing questions, forming hypotheses, doing experiments (fair testing/variables), collecting data, observations, making conclusions and presenting findings & results.</p>

<p>We continue to focus on how we can show our Mercy Values in our daily school lives: Tika – Justice, Pono – Truth, Aroha – Compassion, Manaakitanga – Hospitality and Tapu - Respect</p>	<p>A Love of Literacy: To coincide with book week, we will be exploring different types of poetry and completing author studies, where we look at different writing styles/techniques.</p> <p>Tiritiri Matangi Study: Looking at animal adaptation, NZ native birds & wildlife, ecosystems, predators, conservation efforts and how we can help.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy</p> <p>We will cover a range of text types over the term based around the inquiry focus.</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>Students will gain independence in being able to choose and select genres that are appropriate for the tasks they are completing.</p> <p>Reading & writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instructions (reading, following & writing instructions linked to our science experiment unit) - Poetry (exploring different styles) - Author study: Lauren Child (exploring different styles of writing & presenting in a visual way) - Narratives (linked with our Tiritiri Matangi Unit - focussing on David Attenborough voice over techniques) <p>Spelling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is part of the weekly Literacy programme and targets the needs of the children in the Home Group. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>Week 1: Financial Literacy Working out the budget from Market Day - expenses/profits</p> <p>Weeks 2-4: Addition & Subtraction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work through a range of problems related to addition & subtraction - Practice their knowledge and strategies in this area. <p>Strand focus: Weeks 1 - 4: Algebra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equations and Expressions (Use words, symbols and diagrams) - Patterns and Relationships (Generalising patterns & identifying rules) <p>Weeks 5-8: Multiplication & Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recapping knowledge and strategies in these two areas that were previously covered this year <p>Strand focus: Weeks 5-8: Geometry & Measurement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recapping knowledge and strategies in these two areas that were previously covered this year
<p style="text-align: center;">The Arts</p> <p>Drama & Music - opportunities will be included in the classroom programme.</p> <p>Visual Art - we will be working with an artist from the local Lake House Arts Centre who will guide us through some native bird art using different techniques and materials.</p> <p>We will also be completing Calendar art and some art based around Lauren Child's picture books.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PE & Health</p> <p>This term we will be covering the following areas as part of our PE & Health programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Swimming lessons ● Jump Jam ● Waterwise ● Athletics ● Puberty
<p style="text-align: center;">Languages</p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;">Key Competencies</p> <p>During our learning and teaching programmes, we place an emphasis on developing the Key Competencies:</p> <p>Thinking, Relating to Others, Understanding Symbols and Texts, Managing Self, Participating and Contributing.</p>

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 StepsWeb to support their learning in this area (approx 30 mins across the week).</p>	<p>Maths: Mathletics 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>

Everything the children need is glued into their home learning books and is also 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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