



**Monday 16 October 2023**

**Kakariki Team Newsletter - Term 4, 2023**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We finished Term 3 on a high with Camp and our Year 5 EOTC week, where we created memories to last a lifetime. Now we head into Term 4, with lots of other exciting opportunities coming up.

### **Kakariki Learning Term 4**

#### **RE**

Students plan and lead prayers for this term before moving onto the God Strand. Linking in with our school theme, we will be learning about Sister Alphonsus this term. Towards the latter part of the term, we move onto learning about Advent and Christmas.

#### **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.

#### **The Arts**

**Visual Art:** Looking at different art techniques and materials relating to our units of inquiry.

**Music:** We have the return of our Jellybeans Music programme. We have an expert coming in to teach various skills using percussion and glockenspiel.

#### **Inquiry**

Inquiry enables students to learn through curiosity, discovery, and collaboration. When planning these units, we look at cross-curricular links so the children can consolidate their understanding in different areas.

**Some units that we will cover this term are:**

**Sister Alphonsus** - As part of celebrating the 130th Anniversary of St. Joseph's, we will be learning about the first principal of our school.

#### **Planet Earth and beyond:**

**Earth systems:** Appreciate that water, air, rocks and soil, and life forms make up our planet and recognise that these are also Earth's resources.

**Interacting systems:** Investigate the water cycle and its effect on climate, landforms, and life.

**Astronomical systems:** Investigate the components of the solar system, developing an appreciation of the distances between them.

#### **Literacy**

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

We will begin the term with EOTC themed writing to reflect on year 6 camp and the year 5 EOTC week. The children will also analyse and write their own graphic novel styled pieces.

**Spelling** is part of the weekly Literacy programme. We will be using a programme called The Code and Steps Web to support the teaching and learning programme in this area.

#### **Maths**

##### **Recapping:**

addition & subtraction strategies  
multiplication & division strategies  
proportions and ratios strategies

Recapping geometry, algebra, measurement and statistics knowledge based on class and individual needs.

## PE / Health

**Cooperative games** in Home Groups, pods and teams, covering a range of skills.

**Swimming:** We have experts at the Millenium teaching swimming skills and techniques, including water safety.

**Waterwise:** Our final class sessions for the year.

**Folk Dancing** in Home Groups, working on timing, pace, and the ability to work with and respect others.

**Athletics training** in preparation for the School Athletics Day.

## Important Dates for the Kakariki Team

**Mondays:** Library sessions - please encourage children to return their books each week (as well as any overdue books). **HG4 - Thursdays**

<p><b>Week 1: 9-13 Oct</b>  <b>Mon:</b> Term 4 starts  <b>Tues:</b> Swimming  <b>Thurs:</b> Swimming  <b>Thurs:</b> Cluster Cross Country</p>	<p><b>Week 2: 16 - 20 Oct</b>  <b>Tues:</b> Swimming  <b>Wed:</b> Jellybeans Music  <b>Thurs:</b> Swimming</p>	<p><b>Week 3: 23 - 27 Oct</b>  <b>Mon:</b> Labour day  <b>Tues:</b> Swimming  <b>Wed:</b> Jellybeans Music  <b>Thurs:</b> Swimming</p>	<p><b>Week 4: 30 Oct- 3 Nov</b>  <b>Tues:</b> Year 6 Kahui Ako Trip to St Mary's Northcote  <b>Wed:</b> Jellybeans Music  <b>Fri:</b> Carmel &amp; Rosmini Orientation Mornings</p>	<p><b>Week 5: 6-10 Nov</b>  <b>Tues:</b> Waterwise HG1 &amp; HG2  <b>Wed:</b> Jellybeans Music  <b>Wed:</b> Kakariki Trip to Taka Beach (Beach Clean up). <i>Rain date: Thurs</i></p>
<p><b>Week 6: 13-17 Nov</b>  <b>Wed:</b> Jellybeans Music  <b>Wed:</b> 6:30pm Parent Puberty info session  <b>Fri:</b> Teacher Only Day</p>	<p><b>Week 7: 20 - 24 Nov</b>  <b>Tues:</b> Waterwise HG3 &amp; HG4  <b>Wed:</b> School Senior Athletics Day  <b>Thurs:</b> Puberty sessions</p>	<p><b>Week 8: 27 Nov - 1 Dec</b>  <b>Tues:</b> Waterwise HG5</p>	<p><b>Week 9: 4-8 Dec</b>  <b>Tues:</b> Waterwise rain date  <b>Tues:</b> Cluster Athletics  <b>Wed:</b> 6:30pm Year 6 Graduation Mass</p>	<p><b>Week 10: 11-15 Dec</b>  <b>Wed:</b> 11am End of Year Liturgy  <b>Fri:</b> Term 4 ends 1pm</p>

*\*\*These dates are subject to change, please check the school calendar and the Principal's Message for further updates.*

## Home Learning

<p><b>Home Learning Challenges:</b> Continue to encourage your child to complete <b>at least two</b> of the Home Learning challenges per term.</p>	<p><b>Reading:</b> Students read their own books for a minimum of 20 minutes each day, including weekends.</p>
<p><b>Spelling:</b> The children have online activities on StepsWeb to support their learning in this area. This includes student word lists linked to 'The Code'  (approx 30 mins across the week).</p>	<p><b>Maths:</b> 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).</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

### The Kakariki Teachers

*Ms Ingrid Young, Mr Stephen Rae, Miss Nellie Chapman, Miss Laura Bateman, Ms Francisca Knottenbelt and Mr Peter O'Connor*