

Kowhai Syndicate Newsletter Term 3, 2020

Monday 20 July 2020.

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome to Term 3, 2020. We all hope that you have had a lovely break and are refreshed and ready to launch onto Term 3.

We warmly welcome the following students and their family to Kowhai syndicate: Santé Van Staden Room 10 and Gerhard Van Staden Room 8. We hope that enjoy becoming part of the Kowhai team and look forward to getting to know you all.

This term we have Electives happening on Fridays beginning week 2 Friday the 31st of July. The students should all be signed up by now and their teachers will be checking that they are in an elective and ready to begin in Week 2. Electives will take place between 11:00am and 12:00 noon.

This term we will be doing Kī-o-rahi for Physical Education and sport. Ki-o-rahi is a New Zealand ball sport played with a small round ball called a 'kī'. It is a fast-paced game incorporating skills similar to rugby union, netball and touch. We hope that they students will really enjoy this and that it will be new learning for many of them. An outside provider will be working with the school to support the teachers. Here is a link to a website if you would like to learn more about this game. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdY849Sy_7w. So, Thursday is the day for Kowhai students to wear their PE uniform this term please.

This term we have our external examinations happening with the Australian Maths Competition on Thursday the 30th of July and the University of NSW ICAS examinations beginning in week 5 with the ICAS Science on Thursday the 20th of August. The week of 24th to 28th August is the English and Digital technology examination and the Maths examination is Wednesday the 2nd of September. These dates are subject to change due to other things occurring in the school at the time.

This term also sees to special celebrations for us with our Assumption liturgy on Thursday the 13th of August and our celebration of the special people in our lives with our Grandparents with our Mass on Friday the 28th of August.

Our fortnightly Te Reo classes with Whaea Adrienne will continue this term. Whaea Adrienne has a wonderful manner with the students and engages them with interesting and fun activities. She is such a treasure for our school.

Thank you all for your support.

Ngā mihi nui (Regards)

**Nicole Simson Room 5, Jared Bath Room 6, Gillian Grice Room 7,
Jacqui Miranda Room 8, Clare Short Room 9, Cheryl Taylor Room 10
and our part-time teachers Molly Kelly, Fiona Bolger and Mary Ryan.**

Kowhai Curriculum for Term Three

Integrated Topic Study

We start the term with “Suzanne Aubert and the Soup Kitchen”. This is an integrated inquiry mainly focused Religious Education and Social Sciences.

Then we will begin a Science focused unit “What’s beyond our Earth?” This will focus mainly on our galaxy, the Milky Way, the planets and constellations and space travel.

Mathematics

Number continues to be our major focus and this term we will cover **number strategies** that we can use to solve (in particular) multiplication and division problems.

Geometry and Measurement will also be covered this term covering transformation, enlargement, scale factors, area and perimeter.

Literacy

In Kowhai syndicate our reading and writing is closely linked to our topic study. This helps us to use our reading and writing, both digital and printed, as a learning tool. We will focus closely this term on being able to recognise how an author paints a picture for their reader using **language features** that develop characters and describe setting and events. To do this we will focus on a variety of genre but in particular; instructions, explanations, plays, scripts and poetry.

Te Reo

Linked to the “What’s beyond our Earth?” unit. Using words and phrases to describe the planets.

Physical Education / Health

Learning the New Zealand sport Ki-o-rahi is this terms focus.

Important dates 2 diary this term:

Class Masses at St Benedict’s Church

- Tuesday 28th July Rooms 1, 2 & 8 and Rooms 3 & 9.
- Tuesday 11th August Rooms 4 & 10 and Rooms 5 & 11.
- Tuesday 8th September Rooms 6 & 12 and 7 & 13.

Whole-School Liturgical Celebrations

- Assumption liturgy on Thursday the 13th of August at school in the library.
- Grandparents Mass Friday the 28th of July at 10:00am at St Benedict’s.
- Church followed by morning tea in the library.

External exams

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- ICAS English and Digital technology the week of 24th to 28th August.
- ICAS Maths examination is Wednesday the 2nd of September.
- (These dates are subject to change if other things occur that clash with them).

Sports

- Northern Zone Cross Country Friday the 31st of July at Granada Park.
- Interzone Cross country Tuesday 18th of August at Grenada Park.

School Photos

- Tuesday the 15th of September and Wednesday the 16th of September.