

Kauri Syndicate Newsletter

Term 3, 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Welcome back, we hope you have had a good rest and are feeling refreshed and ready for Term 3! This term we have electives running on Fridays. Many of the Kauri Syndicate students have signed up to the drama elective which will start in Week 1 at the Khandallah Town Hall. All other electives will begin the following week.

English

This term we will be focusing on persuasive writing to tie in with our elections study, and will continue to give the children opportunities to read and write in a wide range of genres. As usual, we expect each student to work on improving their reading skills by reading the equivalent of at least one book per week.

We will also be running book groups, where students meet in groups of four to six to read and discuss a novel that they will read over a few weeks. The aim is to encourage students to enjoy books and to develop their ability to analyse and discuss what they are reading. Groups that are working well and having thoughtful discussions will be allowed to bring in some snacks to share during their meetings. This is always a very popular activity!

Mathematics

In mathematics we are learning mental and written strategies for solving multiplication & division problems. We will also be studying geometry this term, focusing on shape, reflection, rotation and enlargement. We will begin a focus on fractions, decimals, ratios and percentages later this term.

Religious Education

We will be taking a holistic approach to teaching RE, wellbeing and resilience. We will link our study of God and the Holy Spirit to relationship changes, the Circle Solutions programme and The Rising Tide programme.

Health – Positive Puberty

Students will learn about physical changes during puberty, but also about the emotional and social changes that students commonly go through at this time.

Elections

A major focus for this term will be a Social Sciences unit on Elections & Parliament to tie in with the NZ General Election in September. We will be learning about how our country is run, how laws get made and how New Zealand's system of democracy works. We are planning a trip to Parliament on 10 September as part of this unit.

Te Reo Māori

This term we will continue to follow the Ka Mau te Wehi programme, which is a programme designed for Intermediate students and follows a group of students as they interact at school and

in social situations. Our external te reo teacher, Whaea Adrienne, will continue to visit each class every fortnight.

Japanese

We will begin learning basic Japanese vocab and learn a little hiragana using Duolingo.

Physical Education/Health

Kī-o-rahi is the sport for this term with external teachers coming in to run weekly sessions. It is a Māori ball sport that has similarities to rugby, tag, touch, netball, basketball and dodgeball. Our lessons will be on Tuesdays, so students should wear sports uniform that day.

Term 3 Events

Class Masses at St Benedict's Church

Rooms 4, 10, 5 & 11: Tuesday 11th August

Rooms 6, 7, 12 & 13: Tuesday 8th September

Whole-School Liturgical Celebrations

Assumption liturgy on Thursday the 13th of August at school.

Grandparents Mass Friday the 28th of July at 10:00am at St Benedict's Church followed by morning tea in the library.

External Exams

Australian Maths Competition: Thursday the 30th of July

ICAS Science: Thursday the 20th of August.

ICAS English and Digital technology the week of 24th to 28th August.

ICAS Maths examination: Wednesday the 2nd of September

(These dates are subject to change if there is a clash with another event.)

Sports Events

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.

Trip to Parliament

Thursday 10 September

Drama Elective Performance

Tuesday 22 September at the Khandallah Town Hall from 6.00pm.

Ngā mihi nui,

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