

Kauri Syndicate Newsletter

Term 4, 2020

Tēnā koutou katoa. Welcome back to the final term of the year, it's hard to believe it's already here! Term 4 will be very exciting this year as we have the Year 8 camp and the Year 7 EOTC week coming up in Week 2. We also have athletics and golf, Book Week, the speech competition and lots of end of year events to look forward to, such as the retreats and the Big Day Out.

The weather has been amazing in the holidays, and a good reminder that we need to be wearing hats and sunscreen every day this term please.

English

This term we will be focusing on creative writing and improving skills around writing speeches and presenting them effectively. Students will deliver their speeches to their classmates in Week 6, and the finalists will go on to compete in the school speech competition held in Week 7.

In reading, we will be working on improving students' ability to comprehend more complex inferences in texts. The school is holding a book week in Week 5, which will include a book character dress-up day on the Friday.

Mathematics

We will be studying algebra and probability this term, as well as continuing to revise concepts from earlier in the year and expand on our number knowledge.

Religious Education

We will be focusing on the Church and the Community of Disciples. Later in the term we will learn about Advent and Christmas. We also have separate Year 7 and Year 8 retreats planned for the end of the term that will give students a chance to reflect on the year and help them prepare for next year.

Science

We will be studying Electricity as part of the Physical World. We will be doing a range of practical experiments and learning concepts about circuits, forms of energy and electricity generation.

Te Reo Māori

We welcome Hemi Prime to our school this term to teach kapa haka, which will be very exciting and a great opportunity for our students. We will continue to follow the Ka Mau te Wehi programme and have Whaea Adrienne visiting our classes every fortnight.

Japanese

We will continue our study of the Japanese language, culture and customs.

Physical Education/Health

We have golf at St Benedict's for the first time ever, starting in Week 1. We also have athletics events in Weeks 1 & 3 as we look for students to qualify for the Northern Zone Athletics

competition. Please wear sports uniform on Thursday and Friday in the first week of school. It will usually be Thursdays after that.

Term 3 Events

Class Masses at St Benedict's Church

Tuesday 10 November Rooms 4 & 10 and Rooms 5 & 11

Tuesday 17 November Rooms 6 & 12 and 7 & 13

Whole school liturgical celebrations

All Saints' Liturgy at school Friday 30 October at 10:00am

End of Year Mass Friday 4 December 9:30am

Carol Service and Year 8 prize giving Thursday 10 December at 6:00pm

Year 8 Camp and Year 7 EOTC Week

Monday 19 October to Friday 23 October

External exams

Catch ups for ICAS University of NSW examinations will take place in Week 3.

Book Character Day

Friday 13 November

Speech Competition

Friday 27 November

Sports

St Benedict's School Athletics Friday 30th October

Northern Zone Athletics Monday 2 November

Interzone Athletics Tuesday 17 November

Retreats

Year 8 Retreat - Tuesday 2 December at Huntleigh Guide Camp

Year 7 Retreat – Wednesday 3 December at Huntleigh Guide Camp

Ngā mihi nui,

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