

# Kowhai Syndicate Newsletter Term 4, 2020

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome to Term 4, 2020. We all hope that you have had a lovely break.

It has been a strange year for us all, but we hope that this term will be a little more settled for the students.

We warmly welcome the following students and their family to Kowhai syndicate: Samuel Correa-Cazares, Archie Sayers and Eliaz Zych to Room 7, and Hanna Zych to Room 6. We hope that you enjoy becoming part of the Kowhai team at St Benedict's School and look forward to getting to know you all.

This term we will be doing Athletics and Golf for Physical Education and sport.

Our fortnightly Te Reo classes with Whaea Adrienne will continue this term. We look forward to learning more and extending our vocabulary. The students are already becoming so much more confident about using Te Reo Maori in their everyday life.

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 are continuing our Science focused unit "What's beyond our Earth?" for the start of this term. Then we will move into an integrated Religious Education unit "*Advent and Christmas.*"

### ***Mathematics***

**Number and Algebra** continues to be our major focus and this term we will continue to focus on the **number strategies** that we can use to solve mathematical problems. We will also be looking at **patterns** and **proportions and ratios**.

**Geometry and Measurement** as well as **Probability** will also be covered this term.

### ***Literacy***

Our reading and writing continue to be closely linked to our topic study. This helps us to develop our ability to use our reading and writing to consolidate our learning. We will focus closely this term on how authors follow a certain structure and how the structure changes depending on the genre of writing. To do this we will focus on a

variety of genre but particularly on speeches and oral language, instructions and explanations.

***Physical Education /Health***

We will focus on athletics and golf this term.

***Te reo***

Whaea Adrienne will continue to build and vocabulary focusing on everyday phrases, classroom vocabulary and our local environment.

**Important Dates to Note This Term:**

**Class Masses at St Benedict's Church**

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November Rooms 1,2 & 8 and Rooms 3 & 9
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of November Rooms 4 & 10 and Rooms 5 & 11
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of November Rooms 6 &12 and 7 &13

**Whole school liturgical celebrations**

- All Saints Liturgy at school Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of October at 9:30am.
- End of Year Mass Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of December 9:30am.
- Carol Service and Year 8 prize giving Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of December at 6:00pm.

**External exams**

Catch ups for ICAS University of NSW examinations will take place in the second week of Term 4.

**Speech Competition**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of November

**Sports**

- Year 3-8 St Benedict's School Athletics Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October.
- Northern Zone Athletics Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
- Interzone Athletics Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**Year 6 Retreat**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of November at Home of Compassion.