

Kauri Team Newsletter

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Welcome to Term 4

This term is full of new opportunities, experiences and learning. We look forward to an exciting new unit of inquiry and building knowledge about our planet and how the natural systems function.

Homework will commence week 1 and will be issued out on a Friday and due on the following Friday. Can you please ensure that your child is completing this, along with reading every night for approximately 15-20 minutes. If you have any questions regarding this, or about the work currently being done at school, please contact your classroom teacher.

Transdisciplinary Theme

'How the World Works'

Central Idea: All life is connected to the natural systems of the planet/universe

Lines of Inquiry

- Cyclic nature of the planet
- The interdependence of life forms
- The effects and consequences of change



Literacy is fully integrated into our themes and we are excited about the history focus. In the first half of this term, we are writing a piece of historical fiction around a significant event or person. Our focus will be around creating atmosphere by improving character development and setting the scene in our imaginative writing. In the second half of the term, we will be focusing on our ability to recount and explain through writing diary entries and letters in the style of historical figures.

NUMERACY

Mathematics - In Maths, we will be revisiting number knowledge throughout the term, covering any gaps in students learning.

Maths will be integrated where and when appropriate throughout the curriculum.

Specialisation

Technology and the Arts - These will be fully integrated throughout our themes and include **Digital Technology** - using software packages students will create their own animations, **Art and Design** - Designing and creating their own mythical creature, **Soft and Hard Technology** as well as **Food Technology**.

Language - Students will begin to understand more complicated instructions and sentences in French with Madame Jasmine Hanaway, and will have two forty-five minute sessions each week. We will also continue Te Reo lessons with Mr Mauri Hohepa on Tuesday's every week.

Term 4 Dates for your diary

Knowledge-athon Test day – 15/10

Teacher Only Day – 23/10 – School Closed

Labour Day 26/10 – School Closed

Rm 25/26 visit to Stardome Mon 02/11 – Parent support required

Rm 27/28 visit to Stardome Tues 03/11 – Parent support required

Rm 29/30 visit to Stardome Tues 03/11 – Parent support required

End Of Year Hui/Fono – 03/11

Rm 25/26 visit to Sugar Factory 09/11 – Parent support required

Rm 27/28 visit to Sugar Factory 26/11 – Parent support required

Rm 29/30 visit to Sugar Factory 23/11 – Parent support required

PTA Social – 19/11

EOTC– Mon 30th Nov – Thurs 3rd Dec – Parent support required

Pool day – Whole school trip to Panmure Pool – Friday 04/12

End of Year Prizegiving – Eden Park – Mon 07/12

Reports Given Out– 09/12

Last day of term: School finishes at 12pm – 10/12