

Kauri Team Newsletter - Term 4

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Welcome to Term 4!

This is the fourth Kauri Team Newsletter of 2021. Newsletters will be sent home at the start of each term to give you an overview of our learning programme.

The Kauri teachers were incredibly proud of the way that our ako (learners) adapted to the circumstances of last term. They showed determination, willingness and courage; qualities that will serve them well in the coming years.

Our focus this term is on a safe return to school and ensuring we all have a smooth transition to school life. We approach these circumstances with kindness and forethought. We appreciate all that has been done

Please remember to check the school website for important dates this term and ensure that you have the [School App Downloaded](#) (details on school website) as knowing how quickly situations can change, updates are released to parents via the app first.



Our Learning

Maths

This term, our ako will be exploring content and developing skills related to algebra. This will be separated into three pathways:

Patterns & relationships

Using symbols and expressions to think mathematically

The concepts/skills ako will learn about will include some of the following:

Students understand the structure of and the relationships within numbers, shapes, and measures.

Students use symbols, expressions, and equations to communicate mathematical ideas.

We will continue developing our number knowledge, all term.

Literacy: Writing

This term, our ako will be exploring content and developing skills related to procedural and informative writing. This will align with our reading focuses for the term.

The concepts/skills ako will learn about will include some of the following:

exploring the structure of writing types such as instructional texts and information reports; features used within them such as technical language or language features; specific skills such as taking time to self edit written work

We will continue learning about and use the writing process, grammar, punctuation and spelling when appropriate.

Literacy: Reading

This term, our ako will be exploring content and developing skills related to reading critically and synthesising information. These will align with our writing focuses for the term.

The concepts/skills ako will learn about will include some of the following:

identifying the type of language (e.g. technical, scientific language) that is being used; using a range of subtle clues to understand what the author is communicating; using reasoning and some strategies to think critically about what is being read; explaining articles, experiments and information based texts in our own understanding.

We will continue learning about and use comprehension strategies, as well as reading for enjoyment.

Theme: How the World Works

Our Central Idea: All life is connected to the natural systems of the Earth

Throughout the duration of the term, our ako will be exploring content and developing skills related to our theme of How The World Works. Activities, lessons and experiences will be designed to support our ako to understand and communicate how the Earth's natural systems work and interact and how human lives are connected to and impacted by these natural systems.

We will be working in alignment with the Kowhai Team (specialisation: music, art, food technology, design technology science and PE) to draw upon their expertise and help our ako use different mediums to explore the concepts we will be delving into; systems, impact and adaptation.