

Kauri Team Newsletter

Welcome to Term 1

Kia ora koutou, this is the first Kauri Team (Pink Team) Newsletter of 2022. Our newsletters go out at the beginning of each term to give you an overview of our learning programme. Please check the school website for important dates this term and make sure you have downloaded School Apps NZ for regular communications sent home from the school. At this stage, we are old hats at adapting to changing circumstances and the flexibility and resilience being developed will last a lifetime!

With our knowledge of how quickly situations can change, updates are released to parents via the school app first, so it is vital you have it in order to keep up to date with changes as and when they happen.

We hope you have all had a good, relaxing holiday and are ready for an exciting first term. Life at ANI is full of new opportunities, experiences and learning. We look forward to guiding, supporting and helping you, our students, reach their potential in the coming weeks and over the course of this year.

Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be returned on the following Monday (further information to follow). The Kauri Team will work collaboratively and reflectively throughout our planning process to provide engaging learning experiences and consistency across classrooms while ensuring that each student's individual needs are met.

Our wonderful Kauri team is made up of the following classroom teachers, please reach out to your student's teacher if you have any queries.

Team Leader/R27: [Andy Lawrence](#)

Room 25: [Sana Yakub](#)

Room 26: [Louisa Pielichaty](#)

Room 28: [Annie MacKellow](#)

Room 29: [Natalya Hazelwood](#)

Room 30: [Sunilla Naik](#)

In Kauri Team, we believe that each and every student who is in our care has something wonderful to offer. We take great pride in connecting with and learning alongside your child. We wanted to take a moment to share a poem that captures the innate wonder we all possess and remind us, in these challenging times, being kind to ourselves and one other is priceless

I HOPE TODAY YOU REMEMBER

I hope today you remember...
that the sky is not humiliated by its vastness,
and the mountains remain unashamed of their height

I hope today you remember...
Mother Earth and her oceans are not afraid of their size,
The sun is not concerned if someone has to squint their eyes
It will shine and it will not apologize for its light.

And like the trees teach us that it's okay to lose our leaves as
seasons change and then come back to life

I hope that nature teaches us to look at ourselves and be kind.
I hope that we don't dim or shrink or fold into spaces far too
tight.

Yes, today I hope you look at yourself and you are kind.

IB Social Science Theme 1 - 'Who We Are'
Week 2 (8th Feb) until Week 11 (12th April)

THEME DESCRIPTION: The structure and function of organisations (communities)

CENTRAL IDEA: People participate in a community by establishing agreements and responsibilities

LINES OF INQUIRY:

- A community is formed by different elements;
- The roles and responsibilities within a community;
- Agreements protect the values of communities

KEY and RELATED CONCEPTS: Form, function, responsibility and community

LEARNER PROFILES: Principled and open-minded

APPROACHES TO LEARNING: Social skills.

LITERACY

Literacy is fully integrated into our IB theme. The focus for writing and reading is below.

- Our focus in writing will be
 - Foundational writing skills e.g. spelling, vocabulary and structure
 - The writing process including organisational tools and frameworks
 - A variety of writing styles (fiction and nonfiction)
- Our focus in reading will be
 - Reading for enjoyment
 - Questioning
 - Note-taking
 - Identifying text purposes
 - Using graphic organisers to support comprehension

NUMERACY

This term we will be starting with Number Knowledge and Statistics & Probability, building on what the students already know. We will continue Number Knowledge throughout the year with a weekly focus on the fundamentals. Our focuses for these two strands will be:

Number Knowledge

- Solve + and – problems with fractions, decimals, and integers
- Solve x and \div problems with whole numbers
- Solve problems involving fractions including, equivalence, simplification, addition and subtraction
- Use ratios in real-life situations
- Use fractions, decimals and percentages to solve problems
- Select and use an appropriate way to solve word problems

Statistics & Probability

- Analysis of data displayed in graphs and statements about this data, determining the appropriateness of graphs and making our own statements about data;
- Using the statistical inquiry process to conduct investigations about ourselves and the world around us;
- Identifying the likelihood of different events and communicating this in a range of forms.

Specialisation

The Kauri team will have their specialist day on each Tuesday, a day where they will rotate around three different specialist areas for term 1, moving to the other three areas in term 2. Our wonderful specialist team is so excited to welcome the Kauri students into their creative makerspaces.

The 6 specialist areas are:

- **Hard & Digital Technology** - using software packages students will create their own animations and learn to use hard materials safely eg wood and perspex to create a model
- **Art and Design** - Designing and creating their own artistic pieces using different styles and mediums i.e pencil, paint, clay etc
- **Soft Technology** - Food Technology preparing, cooking and serving of various dishes and sewing by hand and with machines
- **Music/Dance/Drama** - Areas from instrument instruction/playing to singing and use of voice, movement and rhythm.
- **Science** - Looking at various aspects of science in the world around us.

Language - Students will begin to understand some basic and more complicated instructions and sentences in French with **Madame Jasmine Hanaway**. French will be taught for two forty-five minute sessions each week. We will also have Te Reo lessons with **Mr Mauri Hohepa** every week.

Term 1 Dates for your diary

- Waitangi Day - Monday 7th Feb - School closed
- EOTC Education Outside the Classroom - Week 8 Tue 22nd Mar - Fri 25th Mar
Parent help is required so please try to make it along on a day or 2. More details to follow.

All further events will be organised with our current public health measures in mind and dates will be communicated via the School Apps. You can [download the app here](#)