

# Kakano Term 4 Newsletter

Monday 10th October 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to the final term of 2016. This term is sure to be another busy productive term, filled with fun learning. We hope your whanau had an enjoyable break from school and that your children come back refreshed and eager to get stuck into their learning.

Term 4 is a hat term. This means every child must wear a sunhat when they are outside. It is also a good idea to put sunblock on your child in the morning before school.

A good time to arrive at school is 8.45 as this will give your child plenty of time to hang their bag up, get their book bag out and play with their friends before starting their day. It also means that they will not miss any important notices and will be prepared for the day. We would like to ask that you please refrain from entering the classroom in the afternoon before 2.50pm as we still have important learning to do and the children become distracted when their family members enter early. Of course we would love you to arrive early on Friday afternoons and join us for Hui from 2.30 but on other days please wait in the cloak bay until closer to 3 o'clock.

At the end of this term a final end of year report will come home about your child. This will tell you how they have progressed throughout the year and where they are in relation to the national standards for after 1 year at school. There will be optional meeting times in the last two weeks of school with teachers to discuss report comments and any questions or concerns you have about heading into 2017. Meeting times can be arranged later in the term. 2017 class lists will also go out in the final few weeks of school and all children will have an afternoon with their new teacher and class peers.

We are excited to be welcoming back Katrina Jagersma (Ms J) to the Kakano syndicate. Katrina used to teach at Titahi Bay School and has spent the last year travelling the world and teaching in London. She will be opening our new, New Entrant class in room 5.

Chelsea Renshaw is planning to finish up and go on maternity leave on the 9th of December. Miranda McMahon will be teaching in room 15 when Chelsea goes on leave.

## Our Learning in Term 4



### Inquiry

This term the Kakano Syndicate will be investigating and comparing the needs of different animals. We will be learning about pets, farm animals and wild animals. We are hoping to encourage our tamariki to ask questions, compare and come up with their own wonderings about the different animal groups that we are investigating. We are going to further support this learning with a trip to Wellington Zoo on the 1st of November. Notices went home in Term 3 about this trip. If you need a new permission form please ask your child's teacher. The cost for this trip is \$10 per student.



### Literacy

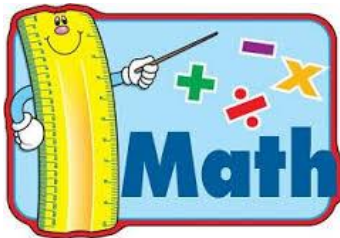
During the term, children will continue to build their skills in reading, writing, spelling and printing.

**Reading:** Depending on your child's reading level they will continue to work on building up their reading strategies such as re-reading, reading for meaning and sounding out new words. Children's fluency (speed) in reading will continue to increase with daily practice. Children will also start to dig deeper into the stories they read by working on some basic comprehension strategies such as; inferring, making connections, retelling and finding main/important ideas. Readers will continue to come home each night and it is important that your child reads to or with someone every night. Please also remember to sign their red reading log books.

**Writing:** students will continue to build on their writing skills through daily writing practice. They will be writing to share their opinions, thoughts and feelings responding to a range of writing prompts e.g. animals, things that are special to them, their experiences. The best way you can help your child with writing at home is to practice spelling some of their reading sight words or extending their knowledge of vocab through conversations and stories. Please feel free to come into class and read some of the amazing stories your child writes in their writing books

**Spelling and sounds:** Students will continue to have daily spelling and sounds lessons to build up their awareness and knowledge of letter sounds and how they work.

**Printing:** Students will continue to have daily practice with letter formation through the use of whiteboards and sometimes in their printing books. Ways you can support your child's fine motor skills at home is through the use of playdoh, throwing and catching a ball, using scissors, threading beads, drawing pictures playing and playing with pegs.



### Maths

This term we will continue to work on number knowledge and number strategies for adding and subtracting numbers together. Students will continue to build up their speed with their basic facts to 5 and 10 and then be extended to working on their 5 and 10 facts e.g.  $5+2=7$ ,  $10+3=13$ . Students will be working on their sequencing of numbers through fun interactive games as well as forwards and backwards counting. This term we will also be focussing on probability and measurement with a key focus on volume.



**KURA**

Our social skill lessons this term will be around forming friendships, showing the 4 KURA values (Kindness, Unity, Respect and Achieve), what to do when someone does something that we don't like, Showing KURA at home, having a good attitude and playing fair. We will work on developing their skills through our Te Manawa time as well as in class lessons and during our Friday syndicate Hui.



**The Arts**

During term 3 the whole of Titahi Bay were involved in the '**Step Up Dance Programme**' to learn dance moves to songs which they will be performing in our whole school production.

The production performances will be on the 18th and 19th of October at 1pm and 6pm. Students are expected to be back at school by 5.30 in their designated classes to get ready for the evening performance. Tickets for the show are available from the school office for \$2 each or a donation.

In class we will also be working on 3D construction as well as exploring and creating pieces of art using pencil, pastel, dye and paint.



**PE and Health**

This term we will be doing a syndicate sports rotation on a Wednesday afternoon. The focus will be around building the children's skills in athletics with a strong focus on long jump, high jump, sprinting, relays and distance throwing. It would be great if your child could wear sensible running shoes and clothes that they can move in freely.



**Te Reo and Kapa Haka**

This term we will be having Te Reo lessons with Matua Murray during weeks one to five.

We will continue with Junior Kapa Haka which will now be on a Monday afternoon with the Koru syndicate. We will also continue to practice our waiata in our Kakano hui on Friday afternoons

## Important Dates

- **Production Performances:** 18th and 19th of October at 1pm and 6pm In the Titahi Bay school hall
- **The Fairest of Them show** (School covering cost): 31st of October
- **Kakano Zoo Trip:** 1st of November
- **Powhiri Dates:** 10th of October, 7th of November, 12th of December
- **Athletics day:** 24<sup>th</sup> November
- **Beach Education Day:** 12th and 13th of December
- **Last day of school:** 16th of December school closes at 12.30
- **Reports coming home:** 7th of December

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