

Kakano Term 3 Newsletter



Important Dates

Powhiri will be held on 29th of September

Book week is from the 15th-19th of August

Dress up day on the 17th of August

Junior School production will be on the 21st and 22nd of September

Term finishes on the 23rd of September

What's Happening?

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 3. Hopefully the holidays were filled with fun, family adventures. We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning, dancing and maintaining friendships. The Kakano classes will continue to grow this term and we hope to open our fourth class in term 4.

Reading: We are all becoming confident readers. Please continue to listen to and read with your child each night. It is very important that your child gets their notebook signed each night to say that they have done their reading homework and to bring their book bags to school every day.

Writing: We are starting to become confident writers and will continue to use the Joy Allock spelling programme to support our learning of letter sounds and using this knowledge to write new words. Our stories are starting to be filled with exciting detail, please visit your child's class and have a read of their writing books.

Maths: This term's focus will be geometry and position. In maths we will continue to work on developing a range of strategies to solve problems and increase our understanding of numbers to 100 and beyond. Help your child to practice their skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s at home as well as learning their basic facts to 10 ($6+4=10$, $5+3=8$)

Inquiry: The Rio Olympics will be our focus for term 3. Each syndicate in the school will be investigating different aspects of the Olympics. The Kakano classes will be learning about New Zealand's involvement in the Olympics, their class country and the values underpinning the Olympic games.

Physical Education/Dance: We are very excited about our Step up Dance lessons that will be starting this term on Thursdays. The dances learned during these sessions will form the basis of our school production.

Te Reo and Kapa Haka: Matua Murray Patterson works with rooms 4, 14 & 15 each Wednesday teaching basic Te Reo Maori through waiata to all of the children in the Kakano syndicate. This term we will have a stronger focus on the children learning their mihi. This is something that they can practice at home. We will continue to have Junior Kapa Haka every Wednesday from 2:30 – 3:00pm in the hall.

Can You Help Us?

We use whiteboard pens every day for learning activities and motor skill development. If you can, please donate a black or blue whiteboard pen to your child's teacher.

This term in art we are focusing on weaving. If you have any old CDs, wool or fabric could you please bring these into school so that we can use them during our art sessions.



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Important Reminders

It is very important that children come to school on time (between 8.30 and 8.55). This is a very important part of the day where we discuss what is happening for the day. It also means that your child will have enough time to hang their bag up, get their book bag out and feel ready to start the day when the bell goes.

If you see a child wondering around school after 3 please take them to the office so that a staff member can contact one of their caregivers. It is very important that you do not take another child home without informing their class teacher first.

It is also a good idea to pack a change of clothes in your child's bag during the cooler months as the grounds can be muddy.