

Kauri Class Newsletter

Term 1, 2017



Theme: God is Wise . He wants us to be wise.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I would like to welcome you all to Kauri 2017. We welcome the new Year 7 student who joined us at the end of last year. We also welcome all of the Year 6's who have joined us from Totara, and the student who has returned to join the Year 7's.

Our theme this term is **God is wise. He wants us to be wise.** In devotions, we will be focusing on how God's wisdom relates to life.



In **Social Science** we will be investigating how the discovery of gold in our country impacted its history and development.



For **Science** we will be looking at what properties the elements in "God's Pantry" have and what makes them valuable.

This term our focus for **Mathematics** is addition and subtraction as well as revisiting the algebra strand. We will be covering basic facts and place values as our number knowledge tasks. Students will be put into groups on Mathematics based on their ability, so they will have plenty of tasks to practice at home to support the school programme.



For **Literacy** we will be looking at grammar and what words are needed in a sentence e.g an object (noun) and a doing word (verb) and how we can replace some of these with pronouns, as well as join sentences with conjunctions. We will be focusing on writing a narrative using fables as the theme. This will be followed by some extensive work on report writing. Linked to the science inquiry.

Resuming this year Mr Boyce will be taking Kauri on Wednesday

afternoons. This will be my Deputy Principal release time.

Mr Boyce will be teaching Current Events, leading a Garden Project and the Music Programme.

For **homework** this term the students will have four or five tasks. They are expected to spend approximately 30 minutes each night from Monday to Thursday to complete these tasks. Homework will be given on Monday and marked on Friday. Mr Boyce will also follow up on Wednesdays with tasks he sets.

Would you please support our students by signing their reading log every day. They are expected to read for at least 10 minutes every day.



Could you also support your child by helping them learn their spelling words and sign their spelling notebook. They will have 10 words every week. After the second week of term week the words will be based on work done in class during that week.



The other set tasks are expected to be completed to a high standard. Parent input as the students assess their own work would be appreciated.

In other news...

Because morning tea is not until 11 o'clock the students have a fruit or milk break after fitness every day. If your child does not have the free milk could you please ensure they have a piece of fruit that they can eat instead.

Zelda Rajah will be our class liaison texting parent. Please make sure the office has a current cell phone number for your family.



At the end of the day please wait outside the classroom until the

students come out. During the day if you have anything for the students please just leave it at the office.

If you have a **notice with money** to hand in, you are reminded to please put it into an envelope before you put it in the 'returns box' in the office.



If your child is going to be late, please ring the office. **DO NOT** text the liaison parent. It is not her responsibility to pass on messages.

The Bulletin Board

- **P.E. days are Tuesday and Friday. Please BRING P.E. uniform and change during the lunch break.**
- **Sun hats to be worn outside at all times.**
- **Please label everything, including water bottles.**
- **Year 7 and 8 students go to Technicraft on Thursdays this year . They travel to EBIS by bus at 12.45 and return at 2.50pm.**
- **Subway still on Wednesdays**
- **Kauri will be walking to the Miramar Public Library at least twice each term. The dates have yet to be confirmed.**
- **Next week we are going on a trip to the Te Papa. A notice was sent out yesterday.**
- **Kauri Class Assembly Monday 3rd April 2.15.**

Feel free to come and speak to me anytime you need to. You can contact me at school on 939 8558 or on email:

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