



Kia Ora whānau and welcome back after what was hopefully a wonderful holiday and Easter break. We have another busy and exciting term planned with our much anticipated Year 3&4 camp coming up very soon!

School Values

In Term 1 we spent time unpacking our school values, and discussing what they meant and how we can demonstrate them. This term we continue to focus on them daily and will look more into how we can be role models of our school values and impact positively on our school environment. We appreciate you reinforcing these values at home also so the children see their importance in all aspects of their lives.



Term 2 Learning

This term, in Takahe and Kereru, we begin with a focus on ANZAC Day and what life was like for soldiers during the war. We will then delve into Myths & Legends, both from New Zealand and around the world.

Kakapo learners are undertaking a Country Study and in class voted on India as their country of choice to learn about. All three rooms will finish up the term learning about Matariki, with some exciting plans throughout the school to mark this special occasion in our Maori calendar.

Our Literacy focus this term is on writing and presenting speeches. We will be doing a lot of work in class leading up to this and will send out information throughout the term about how your child can be supported at home to write and practise their speech. Speech finalists will be chosen from each class to share their speech at our final Team Assembly in Week 9. Families are invited to attend and hear the awesome speeches.

Team assemblies this term will be on Friday at 2.30pm in the school hall as follows:

- Week 3** - Kereru hosting
- Week 5** - Kakapo hosting
- Week 7** - Takahe hosting
- Week 9** - Team Speech Sharing

Families are welcome to join us at our team assemblies!



Mathematics Teaching

As you are aware, in NZ we now have a revised Mathematics Curriculum and an additional resource called 'Maths - No Problem!' to support the implementation of this. After trialling this resource in Term 1, as a staff we have decided to change from teaching Maths in our composite classes, to teaching in year level groups. For our Team this means:

Year 3's will be with Miss Hari | Year 4's will be with Mrs Brachi | Year 5's will be with either Mrs King or Ms Tannion

Maths will be taught first thing in the morning from 9am - 10.10am so please make sure children arrive on time in the morning as they need to take the roll in their own class before heading off to Maths. If you have any questions about how this will work please see either your child's classroom teacher or their Maths teacher.

Homework

The following homework expectations continue in Term 2:

- Daily reading (this could be a classroom reader, Library book, or book from home)
- Mathletics - 10 mins of Course Work and 5 mins of 'Live' basic facts practise.



Speech writing will also be part of the homework requirements this term. Information from your child's classroom teacher will come home about this. We ask that during this time, speech writing becomes the priority and the above homework tasks are additional extras when the children have time. We appreciate your continued support ensuring homework is completed each night, reading logs are signed and book bags come to school daily. Please encourage your child to be responsible and pack all of their homework each night ready to bring back to school the next day.

Life Education Caravan

We are lucky this term to have the Life Education Caravan visiting Buckland School. The Year 0-3/4 classes will be having two sessions during Week 7 with Harold the Giraffe on the theme: Healthy Eating. The Life Education Caravan will park in the teacher carpark next to Tui during its visit to Buckland School, so please be extra mindful when passing through this carpark while it is here.



AG Day

We are very excited to have our school AG DAY coming up at the end of Term 3. Please save the date: **Saturday 20th September** from 9am. Class teachers will be sending out information sheets before the end of Term 2 so you know what the children will be working on this year.

We have a few changes to how the indoor exhibitions will work this year that we hope will ease a little of the workload and cost for families at home.

Children will be working towards showcasing the following class indoor exhibits;

- * 3x Artworks (completed in class)
- * 1x Baking item (completed in class, packaged to take home)
- * 3x Natural items (completed in class, some resources might be sourced from home)

Please keep an eye out in the school newsletters for school wide events that are happening over the next two terms leading up to Ag Day which help to support the day, such as casual dress days and our upcoming PTA Disco in Week 4.



Health & Wellbeing

A few reminders for this term;

- If children wish to play on the field at break times this term they must bring a change of clothes to wear instead of their uniform. It would also be a good idea to bring a wet bag for dirty clothes.
- Please ensure children wear or pack warm layers for the cooler weather we have this term. It is also the time to start bringing a rain jacket as we often get rain throughout the day.
- A reminder that children should not be wearing makeup, fake nails, or jewelry as per School Policy and for health and safety reasons.
- Please send a named drink bottle to school everyday so children can keep easily hydrated during the school day.
- Please name all belongings and check the Lost Property box regularly for lost items. The Lost Property Box is located inside the door of the School Hall.
- Please keep children home if they are unwell so we can limit the spread of sickness as we come into the Winter months.



Years 3 and 4 Camp

The children are very much looking forward to attending camp next week! Please see teachers ASAP if you have any more questions about this. A HUGE thank you to the parents who are attending camp with us and transporting children to and from camp. Your help is very much appreciated.

Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5's in Kakapo will be attending camp at Kauaeranga Valley (Thames) this year from 15th-17th October. Camp information for our Year 5's will be sent out later in the year.



We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term with the tamariki!

Should you need to contact us we can be reached via email:

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or CLASS DOJO!



Kind regards,

Sonja King, Neena Hari, Julia Brachi
Kakapo, Kereru, and Takahe Teachers

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Lakewood Lodge Camp	Mon 12th - Tues 13th May
Pink Shirt Day / Anti-Bullying	Fri 16th May
Franklin Soccer Tournament	Wed 21st May
PTA School Disco	Fri 23rd May
3 Way Conferences	Mon 26th & Thurs 29th May
King's Birthday & TOD	Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd June
Life Education Week (Takahe & Kereru)	Mon 9th - Fri 13th June
Matariki	Fri 20th June
Last day of Term	Fri 27th June

