



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 Y3&4 camp coming up in Week 4, and Y5 camp coming up in Week 5!

RESPECT

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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.

RESPONSIBILITY

Kia mau

RESILIENCE

Kia manawanui

Term 2 Learning

This term, we start with learning about ANZAC Day as it is an important part of NZ history and culture. We will focus on understanding what ANZAC Day is, why it is important, and what life was like for soldiers in the war.

Later in the term, Takahe and Kererū will build on our Term 1 learning about natural disasters as we begin exploring how the Earth has changed over time. This journey will take us back millions of years to when dinosaurs roamed the Earth, as we discover how landscapes, climates, and living things have evolved. Along the way, students will learn about fossils, the changing Earth environments, and the events that have shaped our planet into what it is today.

Kakapo learners are learning all about our oceans, its creatures and the impact humans have on them. We will be discovering the unique creatures that live both in Aotearoa and across the globe, from rock pools to the deepest, darkest depths. As part of this learning we will investigate the impact plastic and other waste products have on both our own and sea creatures' food chains.

Our Literacy focus this term is on writing and presenting speeches. Children will be supported in class with developing ideas, structure, and presentation skills, while the writing of speeches will take place at home. Guidelines and expectations will be sent home to help you support your child with writing and practising their speech.

Each class will select speech finalists, who will have the opportunity to present at our final Team Assembly in Week 11. Families are invited to attend and enjoy these impressive speeches.

Team assemblies this term will be on Friday at 2.30pm in Takahe class as follows:

Week 3 - Takahe hosting

Week 5 - Kererū hosting

Week 7 - Kakapo Y4's hosting

Week 9 - Kea Y3's hosting

Week 11 - Team Speech Sharing

Families are welcome to join us at our team assemblies!

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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 practice.



Speech writing will also be part of the homework requirements this term. Information from your child's classroom teacher will come home later in the term 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 to have the Life Education Caravan visiting Buckland School during Week 9 and Week 10. Each class will be having two sessions with Harold the Giraffe. The Life Education Caravan will park in the teacher carpark next to Tui, so please be extra mindful when passing through this carpark while it is here.



Walkthrough Whale Experience

In line with Kakapo's learning focus on oceans and sea creatures, they will also be participating in an immersive walkthrough whale experience, where they will get to explore inside a life-sized humpback whale!

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 26th 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 in class towards showcasing the following class indoor exhibits at AG Day;

- * 3x Artworks (completed in class)
- * 1x Baking item (completed in class, packaged to take home)
- * 3x Natural items (completed in class, some resources to 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 much-loved PTA Disco in Week 8.

Health & Wellbeing A few reminders for this term;

- 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, and that long hair should be tied back, 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 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, and often put out on display during School Assemblies.
- Please keep children home if they are unwell so we can limit the spread of sickness as we come into Winter.



Term Two Camps

We are all very much looking forward to attending camp this term!

Y3/4: Lakewood Lodge Camp on Monday 11th - Tuesday 12th May

Y5: Camp Adair on Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd May

All families are invited to attend our upcoming Parent Camp Meetings, especially those who are coming to camp with us, so you can learn more about each camp and ask any questions you may have.

Y3/4 Parent Camp Meeting: Wednesday 28th April @ 5pm in Takahe Room

Y5 Parent Camp Meeting: Tuesday 5th May @ 5.30pm (Room TBC)

Please see teachers ASAP if you have any more questions about either camp. A HUGE thank you again to the parents attending camp and those helping with transport. Your help is very much appreciated, and we wouldn't be able to provide the children with these experiences without the amazing whānau support we get!



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

Kind regards,

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Kakapo, Kererū, and Takahe Teachers

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WHAT'S ON THIS TERM?

Y3/4 Camp Parent Meeting: Week 2 - Wed 29th

Y5 Camp Parent Meeting: Week 3 - Tues 5th

Road Safety: Week 3 - Mon 4th-Fri 8th May

Photolife Day: Week 3 - Fri 8th

Y3/4 Lakewood Lodge Camp: Week 4 - Mon 11th-Tues 12th May

Y3/4 Franklin Football Tournament: Week 4 - Wed 13th May

Y5 Camp Adair: Week 5 - Wed 20th-Fri 22nd

King's Birthday & TOD (no school): Week 7 - Mon 1st & Tues 2nd

PTA Disco: Week 8 - Fri 12th

Life Education Caravan: Week 9/10 - Mon 15th-Mon 22nd

Reports Home: Week 11

Last day of Term: Week 11 - Fri 3rd July

