



# Kapa Toru News

## Term 3 2019

Welcome to Term 3! We hope you've had a chance to spend some quality time with your family over the last couple of weeks. We're excited for a fun and creative term ahead! With the building project well underway, we're aware that these changes will no doubt impact the children, so we are endeavouring to come up with lots of creative ways to keep the kids happy and focused!

### Important dates for your diary:

**Tiaho te Ao trip:** Thursday 25 July  
**Swimming Sports:** Tuesday 6 August  
**Western Zone Netball:** Tuesday 13 August  
**PJ & Hot Chocolate Day:** Wednesday 14 August  
**Calendar Art display:** Wednesday 11 September

Please note that some of these dates may change; it's worth keeping an eye on the weekly school newsletter for any changes.

### Can you help?

We'd love contributions of any materials we could use for our wearable arts unit. If you have any cardboard, fabric, plastic containers, or other bits and pieces that could be useful, please send them to school with your child.

### A few reminders...

- All important information about things happening in the Team and at school are in the weekly school newsletter or on the school website.
- Students are welcome to arrive at school anytime from **8:30am**. Before that, they need to go to before school care.
- If your child has been vomiting, you must wait 48 hours from the last time they vomited before sending them back to school.
- Please help your child to remember to bring a **drink bottle** and to wear/bring appropriate clothing to school each day (labelled jackets, jerseys, sensible shoes).

## What's happening in Term 3?

**Health – Sexuality Road Programme:** As noted last term, students are participating in the Sexuality Road programme (developed by Family Planning) every Tuesday this term. Lizzie and Katie will teach the Year 5 programme, and Juliet and Jane (Batchelor) will lead the Year 6 programme. If you were unable to attend the information evening at the end of last term and would like to know more about the programme, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

**Maths:** We will continue with gathering data and carrying out statistical investigations before moving on to fractions, proportions and ratios. We will then focus on applying mathematical thinking when solving rich tasks and word problems. Please continue to help your child learn their basic facts at home

**Literacy:** For reading this term, we will be focusing on our novel studies. Over the term, your child will read a novel, answer comprehension questions, and complete creative activities based on the book. Your child may occasionally need to bring home his/her book to catch up on the week's reading; we would appreciate your support with this. For our writing programmes we will continue with persuasive writing, information reports, and narratives. We will also spend time on 'quick writes' with a focus on the editing process.

**PE:** Every Monday morning at 10am we will head down to the Community Centre to participate in dance lessons. This programme is run by Footsteps Dance Company and each session will be 45 minutes. Please remind your child to wear appropriate and comfortable clothing on Mondays. From Weeks 7-10 we will be training for the School Athletics next term. We will continue with regular fitness activities throughout the week.

**Topic and Visual Art – Wearable Arts:** We are continuing our sustainability learning journey this term with a focus on wearable art. We will be working towards creating a fabulous show for parents/caregivers to attend at the end of the term. We will send out more information closer to the time. In the meantime, if you are a creative type and are happy to share your expertise and time with us, we would love for you to come in and help out during the more practical, hands-on sessions where the children will be creating their costumes. Please do let us know if you're able to help; we'd really appreciate it!

Kind regards,

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