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Te Kākano (Years 0-3) Newsletter – Term 3, 2024

Kia ora e te whānau

We hope that everyone had a chance to relax and spend time with family over the break. We are jumping right back into learning with a busy term ahead.

Our Learning Programme

Te Kākano's learning programme will continue to place emphasis on the key learning areas of reading, writing and mathematics.

Inquiry

In Term 3, our team will have a major science inquiry based around human systems. This will incorporate the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. This inquiry will be integrated into major learning areas of the curriculum.



Swimming

Students will have swimming lessons in the final fortnight of term 3. They will swim each weekday over these two weeks, so it is important to ensure your child has gear ready for this. Every child will need togs, towel, a swimming cap and a pair of goggles. Please ensure your child's equipment is named.

Before then, it might be a good idea to encourage your child to practice getting in and out of their swimming gear independently, so they are ready when they go with their class. We will be swimming at the new Kings Swim School which is located at 218a Main South Road. A separate newsletter with further information will be sent to parents closer to the time.

Important Dates

Poetry Recital Final – 29th July (Year 3's)

Mihi Whakatau welcome ceremony – 30th July

Strum-Strike-Blow – 15th August

Swimming – Weeks 9 and 10 (16th - 27th September)

Uniform

Please ensure your child has suitable layers of warm clothes to keep them comfortable on colder days. Children are expected to have lunch and/or play outside if it is dry, even when it is cold. If your child wishes to play football on the grass at lunchtime, we ask that they bring a pair of tracksuit pants to change into, to prevent mud in the classrooms. We also encourage children to bring slippers for the classroom as we take outside shoes off to keep our learning space clean.



Headphones

We have noticed that many students have either lost or broken their headphones. These are an important tool for learning, and it would be great if every child in Years 2 & 3 owned a pair. Reasonably priced headphones are available from stores such as Kmart or The Warehouse. Note - headphones with a cable are more practical for school than Bluetooth headphones.



As always, please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or require any further information. You can contact your child's classroom teacher by phoning the school office or emailing them.

Kia pai tō koutou rā

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