

WELCOME TO TERM 3 2019

KOWHAI NEWSLETTER



Hello everyone.

Sadly, Harry and his father, Matua Chris, moved back to Auckland at the end of last term. We have a new boy, Teilo, in our class. Welcome back to Trevor after a term away in Germany, and Poppy who is safely back from her visit to Vermont.

Thanks Whaea Steph for the fabulous USA map for the class to track on! On behalf of all the children we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Syndicate Head, Hannah Moorhouse.



IMPORTANT DATES

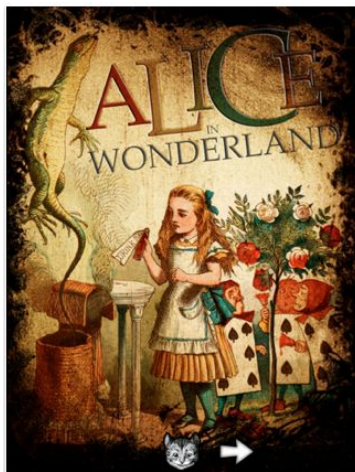
Week 4 - Maths Week: This is a week focussing on hands on fun Mathematics.

Week 6 - Winter Sports Trip Year 5 & 6 - Monday 26 August. More details will be given closer to the date.

Week 8 - School Production: Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th September. Performances are in the evening. Book your tickets at the office early as seating will be limited.

Week 9 - Conservation Week: 14 - 22 September

LITERACY



We will work to cover the four genres of literacy and to use the opportunity of making production props for our prescriptive writing. Different scenes in Alice in Wonderland will offer an opportunity to explore descriptive prose.

Each student has chosen a topic for their own Inquiry learning. We will start with three key questions and their research will be focussed around those. These need to be open questions that require investigation. Please take time to ask your child their key questions.

Towards the end of the term in Reading and Writing we will search out journal articles linked to conservation and focus writing time on these.

MATHEMATICS

We have started this term studying place value. This can be tricky. You can help by asking questions like “Is a tenth bigger or smaller than a hundredth?” or “How many hundreds **altogether** in 1500?”

Our class will continue to focus on different elements of Number throughout the term including times tables; 6x tables and 7x tables.



SPORT

In PE and sport, we will focus on Small Ball Skills; passing, throwing and catching, and teamwork. Jordan from Sport Tasman will be coming out to teach specific skills and drills to develop movement and coordination every **Friday**. When the grounds are drier we will also develop Softball skills. Please ensure your child has **sneakers and sports clothing** on these days.



THE ARTS

The Arts (drama, singing, dancing, stage performance and art) will be based around the school production, Alice in Wonderland. Several children from Kowhai have speaking parts. Everyone will be involved in the crowd scenes and helping the production by making props.

MAORI/CULTURE

We will celebrate Polynesian navigation of the Pacific in our upcoming Celebration Assembly on 5th August at 2:15pm. We will also perform the waiata Ka Piopio e taught to the students by Matua Leighton. They will continue to develop their confidence in delivery of their Pepeha (introduction of oneself).

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

Primary classes will be revisiting the values from the KARE cards during our PB4L times and students will be engaged in workshopping what each of our values means and looks like, both within the classroom and outside in the playground.

ANGE WILL BE TEACHING ON MONDAYS

Whaea Ange, who many of you will be familiar with, will be in on Monday. She will continue to integrate her Visual Arts programme into our regular programme.

HOME LEARNING

The only homework expectations are for regular reading. This can be from school or personal libraries at home. There will be limited computer room access for inquiry research in school time so some investigation at home answering the key questions will benefit them. They can source this from the school library, the library in Westport, internet, family friends, magazines, community experts.

Best wishes - naku noa,

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