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# Kahikatea

## Term 3

### Newsletter

## August 2019

## Welcome to the new school term!

New timetables have now been finalised and all programmes are underway for Kahikatea- Year 9 and 10 class.

Subjects for Term 3 are:

- Maths
- English
- Social Studies
- Science
- PE
- Social Science
- Art
- Health
- Hard (and soft) Technology



Bell times remain the same and are as follows:

8.55am	Form time
9.00am	LB1
11.00am	Interval
11.20am	LB2
12.50pm	Lunch
1.30pm	LB3
3.00pm	Home time

Term 3 will be a very busy one with the Ski trip already completed, we have the school production "Alice in Wonderland", a William Pike overnight trip and the Year 9 camp at Rotoiti to look forward to.

We are delighted to announce the addition of a new teacher to our secondary team this term. Ms Anna King is joining us on Thursdays. She will be taking Kahikatea for English. Ms King will be starting with us at the end of August.

As for familiar staff....

Niki Adams is Kahikatea's form teacher and main point of contact for parents ([nadams@karamea.school.nz](mailto:nadams@karamea.school.nz)). I will be teaching the Science and Hard Materials programmes.

Brett Mawson will be the Totara or Yr 7/8 Homeroom teacher as well as taking Kahikatea for Maths and Art.

Vicky Chandler is with us part time. Miss Chandler will take Kahikatea for Social Studies, Health and P.E. Michelle Maiava is taking Kahikatea for Social Science this term as well.



## SECONDARY INFORMATION

While it is only Week 3, this term is already racing by and when I look at the calendar, there are so many opportunities ahead for our students. The time is definitely going to fly by.

**Congratulations** to those students who represented KAS at regional events during Term Two – we received lots of positive reports about how well they represented our school in Netball and Football. Thank you to all those parents that provided transport or support at those events as well.

We are very proud of Jack (Yr 9) and Julian's (Yr 10) participation at the Area Schools' Nationals in Rotorua during the term break. When I asked Jack how this had gone the comment I got back was 'They were BIG!' This was a wonderful experience for these two students and thank you very much to all those who made donations to help this happen.

Many thanks to you for your support of the Secondary Ski Trip - the students are still sharing their stories which make lifelong memories. Seems they were lots of laughs and plenty of snow to enjoy. Huge thank you to the staff for making it possible - Brett, Niki, Karlene and a massive thanks to Vicky for all her organising and planning.

This term is looking phenomenally busy so it is

important that we support our young people during this time so they can be at their best: healthy food, plenty of sleep and keeping warm. This website has some great ideas too for supporting teens and their wellbeing:  
<https://sparklers.org.nz/parenting/>

If you are aware of upcoming absences for your child due to appointments or other commitments, please let the School Office know well in advance so teachers are aware for their planning and assessment purposes. If you have any queries, then please contact Michelle Maiava,  
[mmaiava@karamea.school.nz](mailto:mmaiava@karamea.school.nz)

## Here is a little about what is happening in individual subjects

### ENGLISH

This Term Kahikatea are learning about visual texts. In particular film. They will learn about themes, characters and film techniques and begin to understand how a Director creates an effect on an audience. They will also learn how to write a structured essay showing their understanding of film. There will be a film competition at the end of term where students will get the opportunity to make their own film to celebrate Conservation Week.

Karlene Rainham

## MATHS

This Term Kahikatea are on the verge of completing their journey of deepening their understanding of forming and solving Algebraic Equations, Expressions and Quadratics. As the term progresses students will then apply this knowledge to how algebra is used and interpreted when creating patterns, identifying relationships in patterns and how to graph these relationships.

Brett Mawson

## ART

Where to begin! Term 3 is production term with the biennial event scheduled for 3 performances in Week 8. Kahikatea students will be working on individual programmes depending on their role in the production. This includes 3-dimensional prop and costume design and construction, and 2-dimensional design and painting. Other students will be learning practical skills linked to sound and the management of backstage.

Brett Mawson

## HEALTH

This term Kahikatea are collating the information we have gathered for what factors are influencing student participation in PE at KAS. Once we have some data we will formulate an action plan to encourage participation. We will then roll out our plan and evaluate whether it is successful or not. We are

hoping that this will promote student well-being and develop a positive and healthy student community.

*Vicky Chandler*

## PE

This term we are underway developing softball and fair play skills. Unfortunately the weather is a fickle thing so we have not managed to do quite as much as planned.

Throughout the term we will also be focusing on developing athletics skills in preparation for Athletics day near the start of Term 4. There is a likelihood of also doing a small but comprehensive archery unit within the term.

Overall the focus is on developing a range of motor skills and building strong sportsmanship and fair play qualities among all the teams and students.

*Vicky Chandler*

## SCIENCE

Science this term will start with a focus on the Material world strand. We are looking at an Acids and Bases unit that has lots of practicals to investigate. Later in the term we will look at the Planet Earth and Beyond strand, more specifically Astronomical systems.

*Niki Adams*

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Students have just begun an end of unit assessment for migration. This is an inquiry project about a migrant group or person who has immigrated to NZ. On completion of our

migration topic we will be looking at the world of work. Throughout the rest of the term students will be investigating the many occupations that exist both in our community and our world. We will (potentially) be undertaking some field trips and identifying economic systems and influences.

*Vicky Chandler*

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

I am very excited to be working with Kahikatea on Friday during this term. I am passionate about students being aware of what is happening in the world around them, so there is a weekly current events quiz to complete.

Our learning will compliment their Social Studies lessons so we are starting off with what is Innovation vs.

Entrepreneurship, with a focus on Kiwimade. Then, wearing my Careers Advisor hat, Year 9's will begin to explore career planning, whilst Year 10s will be revising their career plans thinking about their Year 11 subject options. This career's unit covers:

- Looking ahead
- Know myself
- Explore future options
- Plan my learning pathway
- Set goals to get there

So be prepared for the queries about the type of work you have done, your qualifications and why you chose your career pathway.

*Michelle Maiava*

## HARD MATERIALS

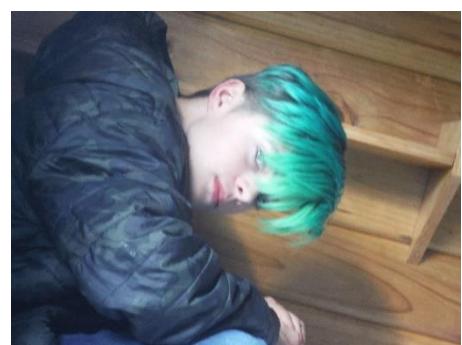
After considering requests from the students, Kahikatea will be constructing small wooden shelves. The only criteria the students are faced with while working through the design process is that there has to be a through housing joint. There are some really good designs being developed.

Later in the term we will start a small soft materials unit with an indoor beach ball or barrel pencil case as the focus project.

*Niki Adams*



Fish 'n' Chips in the van



Kotuku in the bunk room at Porters lodge

# DATES FOR THIS TERM:

12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> August	Maths week
9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Maori language week.
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	School Production "Alice in Wonderland" matinee (11am TBC) and dress rehearsal evening performance 6pm.
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	"Alice in Wonderland" performance 6pm.
16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Conservation week.
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Year 9 Camp, Rotoiti.
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Last day of school.
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 4 starts

## OTHER INFORMATION

Teacher contact information:

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If you have any concerns or queries about things happening within the classrooms please contact the appropriate teacher first and foremost.

We strive for positive communication between school, students and whanau so we are always happy to make an appointment to meet with parents and caregivers as needed.

Thanks for reading the Kahikatea class newsletter. We are expecting wonderful achievements this year and will be

sending out updates and newsletters every term.

Please see attached Kahikatea weekly timetable.

We look forward to meeting with you throughout the year. Be sure to introduce yourselves to our new staff if you see them out and about!

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or concerns.

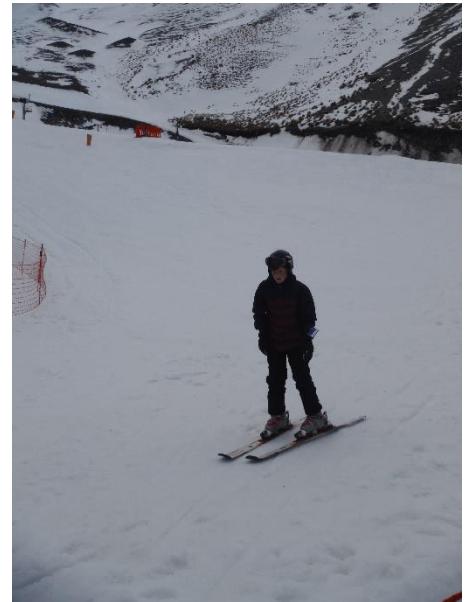
### ***The Secondary Team***



**Elly Newman**



**Billy Volckman**



**Billy Volckman**



**Elly Newman**

< Kotuku Rae

## CLASS TIMETABLE

### KAHIKATEA – YEARS 9 & 10 (NA – Room 5)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Form time (8.55-9am)	KAHIKATEA – ROOM 5	KAHIKATEA – ROOM 5	KAHIKATEA – ROOM 5	KAHIKATEA – ROOM 5	KAHIKATEA – ROOM 5
LB1 A (9-10am)	SCIENCE (NA) in Lab	MATHS (BM) in Room 5	ENGLISH (KR) in Room 7	MATHS (BM) in Room 5	SCIENCE (NA) in Lab
LB1 B (10-11am)	MATHS (BM) in Room 5	HEALTH (VC) in Room 6	MATHS (BM) in Room 5	ENGLISH (AK) in Room 7	SCIENCE (NA) in Lab
Interval (11-11.20am)					
LB2 (11.20-12.50pm)	P.E. (VC) in Room 6	ENGLISH (KR) in Room 7	P.E. (VC) in Room 6	TECHNOLOGY (NA) in Hard Materials Room	CAREERS (MM) in Room 7
Lunch (12.50-1.30pm)					
LB3 (1.30-3pm)	7 – 10 DRAMA (KR & BM) in Room 4	SOCIAL STUDIES (VC) in Room 6	SOCIAL STUDIES (VC) in Room 6	ART (BM) in Art Room	TECHNOLOGY (NA) in Hard Materials Room
	2.30pm PB4L OR 2.15pm Celebration Assembly - LIBRARY				
NOTES:					