



Team Kahikatea Newsletter

Term Four, October 2016

Welcome to Term 4 2016

We all hope you had a good break and managed to do some exciting things together throughout the holidays. This term is filled with some exciting things happening in Team Kahikatea – Camp and Graduation to name just a few. We are all looking forward to the term ahead!!

Term 3 Highlights:

Artsplash:

In Week 6 Team Kahikatea took part in Artsplash. We were all super impressed and proud of how our students presented and performed on the night.

A huge thank you to Alisa Schilder for the amazing job she did with coordinating and running Artsplash for our team.

Thank you as well to the parents who helped us during the rehearsal. Your assistance on trips is always valued by the teachers and students at our school.

Teaching and Learning in Team Kahikatea:

It has been 3 terms since Team Kahikatea has moved in to our new learning spaces. We have been working extremely hard to cater for the variety of needs in our classes. In week 4 Team Kahikatea and Team Rimu held an information evening to update families on the progress that has been made and what is happening in our classes. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. We were really impressed with the turn out.

We would love to see parents coming in to our classes to see what is happening across our classes. Please feel free to organise a time with your child's classroom teacher if you would like to visit. It would be wonderful to celebrate the new classrooms and student driven learning together.

Camp:

Team Kahikatea are super excited about our upcoming 4-day camp! The students have now helped prepare their cabin groups and set up cabin contracts. This week a booklet has been sent home with our students, detailing things to be aware of and to prepare in advance for our trip to Forest Lakes. Please thoroughly read the booklet with your child, get your child to sign the final page and return that page to us as soon as possible. Please see below for a few reminders.

Term Four focus:

Writing: Narrative & Descriptive

Mathematics: Number, Algebra and Measurement

Visual Arts: Photography and Digital Skills

Health: Food and Nutrition

P.E: Athletics, swimming, Striking and fielding

Music: Exploring instruments

Science: Volcano (Crest Program)

Social Science: Continuity and change

Sunhats:

This term, it is compulsory for students to wear a wide-brimmed sunhat at break times as we head towards summer. Could you please help by reminding your child to bring their named hat to school as soon as possible?



Swimming:

The year 5-6 swimming program begins on 21st November. A huge thank you to all those who have returned permission slips and made payment.

We understand that it is not always possible to help, but all 4 classes are low on offers of parent help to walk to and from the pool. If you are able to help, we would really appreciate it, as it means that activity can go ahead.



Camp Reminders:

- Please make sure you clearly **label any clothing, towels or other items that your children bring to camp.**
- If your child requires medication, **this must be placed into a bag that is clearly labelled with their name and the dosage required.**
- One of the activities on camp requires a **WHOLE** lot of **newspaper**, so we would love it if you could send in any spare papers with your children to school over the next few weeks!
- Our students are asked each year to bring along some food to share as snacks at camp. This year we will be asking **year 5 students to bring some fruit** along, and **year 6 students to supply some biscuits or something similar.** Please be mindful of allergies when you are planning what kind of snack to send with your children; we would recommend not using any recipes or purchasing goods which include nuts but, if you do, please ensure that this is clearly written on the packaging.

We are all really looking forward to the adventures that await us at Forest Lakes! If you or your child have any questions about camp, and these are not answered in the student booklet, please contact your child's teacher.



Team Kahikatea performing at Art Splash 2016

We are here!!

We look forward to another productive term in Team Kahikatea. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have or if you would like to spend time with us during the day. We are all keen to have parents be more involved in the classroom to help out.

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