

Kahikatea Newsletter

Term Two, May 2017



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school and to Term 2. We hope you all had a lovely holiday break and got to enjoy some valuable family time over the Easter break. We are all looking forward to an exciting term in Team Kahikatea and working alongside all of your kids.

Term Two Focus:

Visual Arts: 3D sculpture

Health: Body Care and Physical Safety

P.E: Cross Country & Large Ball skills

Drama: Role Plays

Music: Music express

Science: Planet Earth and Beyond

Social Science: Place and Environment

Te Reo: He Reo Tupu, He reo ora



Student Council:

A huge congratulations to Ishi Kakroo, Holly McLaughlan, Katarina Skrzynska, Arnav Singh, Nasi Meafoou and Gabriella Pambudi for making it into the 2017 Student Council team. The Team Kahikatea teachers were blown away with how many students applied for a position and the range of ideas that were presented to us.

Camp:

We are already in full preparation mode for our Kahikatea camp in November. Mega Fair was a great success in helping to fundraise money for camp. Not including the \$20 deposit that has been paid by all of our camp attendees, the outstanding cost of camp will be \$154. We are pleased that we have managed to reduce this amount from last year, but understand that this is still a large sum of money for families to cover. One suggestion which worked well in **the past** is for families to split the cost across terms; for example, paying \$54 in Term 2, \$50 in Term 3, and the remaining \$50 in Term 4. However, you can choose to cover the camp funds any way that works for your family. **The deadline for camp payments is November 3rd.**

Cross Country:

West Park School cross country is on Thursday 11th May. We will be doing running practices & circuits to increase cardiovascular fitness. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear on such as running shoes or sneakers each day of the week. We will select the team to represent the school at the Northern Zone cross country, which will be held on the 29th of May. The team to represent the school will continue training after the school cross country at lunchtimes.

Physical Education:

We think it is important for our students to be involved in regular physical activity whilst they are at school. If for any reason your child is unable to join in on a particular day please provide a signed and dated note to the classroom teacher explaining the reason for non-participation.



Art Exhibition

Our art exhibition is coming up at the end of this term. Team Kahikatea's focus will be 3D sculptures relating to planet earth, our environment or the Sun. Students will complete an art piece individually.

As a team, we are also going to be creating one big piece of art. For this piece we are needing to collect milk bottle caps (any colour).

Please ask all your friends and neighbours to save their bottle caps for you, and send them along to school. There will be more information regarding the art exhibition later in the term.



Production

There has been a venue and date change for our school production '*History Rocks*'. It will now be held at Onslow College on 6th and 7th September.

Any offers to help are greatly appreciated. We especially need some help with set design/building and with costume making. If you have any questions or are able to help in any way please email Cherie

Geddes cherieg@westpark.school.nz

Bike Helpers

We are looking for people who are willing to help with our lunchtime bike programme. Our lunchtime sessions are 12.55-1.20 p.m. then 1.20-1.40 p.m. Monday-Friday.

If you are able to help during any of the sessions please email Emily Osborn at emilyc@westpark.school.nz



Road Patrol

We are looking for any parents who are able to help out as a Road Patrol helper, can you please contact Cherie Geddes or Alisa Schilder. We are short of parent helpers and it would be great if we could get a few people who are willing to help in one or more days in the mornings from 8.20-9.10 then 2.50 -3.15.

We look forward to an awesome term working with you and your child and hope to see you as often as possible. 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. All teachers are keen to have parents be more involved in the classroom to help out.

Warm Regards,

Team Kahikatea