

Kahikatea Newsletter

Term One, February 2018



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to West Park School for 2018. We hope you all managed to have a lovely summer break and got to enjoy some valuable family time over the holidays. We are all looking forward to an exciting year in Team Kahikatea and getting to know all of our kids.

2018 Team Kahikatea Teachers:

This year we are excited to welcome back some old faces and welcome in some new faces to our Team Kahikatea teaching team.

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Term One Units:

Writing: 7 Steps to Writing Success – persuasive

Visual Arts: Printing skills

Health: Enhancing relationships, supportive environments, personal identity and self worth

P.E.: Athletics and Big ball throwing and catching skills

Drama & Dance: Investigating culture/history

Social Science: Continuity and Change

Sun hats:

Please remind your child to bring their sun hat to school every day. All children and staff need to wear sun hats that fully screen the head and neck while outside the classroom during breaks, or during sport and P.E. If children do not have an appropriate sun hat to wear they will be required to stay out of the playground. Please ensure that the hat is clearly named and is able to be kept at school.

Camp:

We are in the very early stages of organising camp for the end of this year. In the not too distant future you will receive more information about the camp itself and our fundraising. We aim to do some fundraising in Term 1, where the money raised will subsidise the cost of the camp. Please keep an eye out for further communication with regards to camp.

Physical Education:

It is important for our students to be involved in regular physical activity whilst they are at school. We would appreciate if you could encourage your child to wear suitable clothing to school for fitness or P.E. sessions. 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.



Homework:

Over the next couple of weeks our homework structure will be up and running throughout Team Kahikatea. Can you please email your classroom teacher to let them know if you are wanting your child to participate in homework this year or not? Teachers understand that their students may participate in extra-curricular activities outside of school time and may not have time to complete homework each week.

The tasks we set are aimed to reinforce children's in-school learning as well as developing social and independent skills.

Homework tasks generally include: Reading (a school reader, library book or book/newspaper from home), Spelling, Maths (Mathletics) or a set activity set by the teacher (e.g. a technology challenge).

Road Patrol

Every morning and afternoon we have responsible Year 6 students who do Road Patrol for our school to make sure our families can cross our busy roads safely. We are looking for parents who can help our students out as a Road Patrol helper. If you are available and willing to help on any morning from 8.20-9.10 or any afternoon from 2.45-3.10, please contact Logan Mead on loganm@westpark.school.nz

We look forward to a happy and productive year 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



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