

# Kahikatea Newsletter

Term Two, May 2018



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely holiday break and got to enjoy some valuable family time.

Team Kahikatea would like to welcome Donna Curran-Green to our teaching team. Donna will be working in Room 15, alongside Emily Osborn from Week 4 of this term onwards. Donna will be working 4 days a week - Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Emily will be working in Room 15 every Wednesday. Donna comes with a wealth of knowledge and experiences. She has taught in the senior syndicate of a number of schools in New Zealand and the UK, she has also been a deputy principal, and most recently she has relieved in classes including here at West Park School. When you get the chance please introduce yourself to her and help us make her feel welcome in our school community.

We are all looking forward to an exciting term in Team Kahikatea working alongside all of your kids.

## Term Two Focus:

Visual Arts: Digital and Photography Skills

Health: Body Care and Physical Safety

P.E: Cross Country & endurance training

Music: Music express

Science: Planet Earth and Beyond

Technology: Practice/Brief development

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## Cross Country:

West Park School cross country is on Monday 21st May at Alex Moore Park. Please remember to email your child's classroom teacher or return the permission slip to let them know that they can attend. To get into the spirit of the day, Team Kahikatea have been asked to wear **RED!**



## 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.

## Camp:

Team Kahikatea are excited to be going to El Rancho this year for its school camp. El Rancho is located in Waikanae and offers a range of fun and challenging activities including Go-Karting, Horse riding and archery-soft, that we hope will provide our students with new experiences and skills.

Camp will cost \$231 this year and can be paid in 4 instalments. The first instalment was your \$20 deposit that has already been paid. The remaining \$211 must be received by 1st November. We are heartily looking forward to this experience. Please contact your classroom teacher if you have any questions.

## Student Council:

Information will be coming out in the next couple of days regarding the 2018 Student Council.

If your child is interested in applying for this wonderful leadership opportunity, then keep a very close eye out over the next couple of days on your emails. The notice will include what your child needs to do.

## Road Patrol

We are in desperate need for parents to help us out on Road Patrol, supervising our students. We need 2 parents for each morning slot and each afternoon slot. Unfortunately, this responsibility is falling on our Years 4-6 teachers, taking them away from that precious before school time with their students and preparing for the school day. If you are able to help during any of the morning slots between 8.20-9.10 or an afternoon slot between 2.50-3.15 please get in contact with Logan Mead

([loganm@westpark.school.nz](mailto:loganm@westpark.school.nz))

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## Artsplash:

Team Kahikatea are thrilled to be taking part in Artsplash again this year. Artsplash is a festival supported by the Wellington Decorative Arts Society which brings together primary and intermediate students to celebrate the arts. We will be singing in a large choir along with several other schools on Monday 17th September at 7.30pm, at the Michael Fowler Centre. Our students will be practicing the songs in school but it would be great if you could support them to practice at home as well. This year, there is a fantastic and varied selection of songs, including some 'Muppets' themed tunes in respect to the Jim Henson Retrospectacle which is happening this year. Tickets for the event will be sold closer to the date through the school. We hope to see you all there.



We look forward to an awesome term working with you and your child and hope to see you as often as possible.

Warm Regards,

Team Kahikatea