

Kahikatea Newsletter

Term Three, July 2018



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school and Term 3. We hope you have all had a lovely holiday break and got to enjoy some valuable family time.

At the end of Term 2 we said goodbye to Logan Mead one of our Team Kahikatea teachers as he started his new journey teaching in China. We spent many hours trying to find an appropriately experienced person to see the year out as his replacement. Unfortunately, we were unable to find anyone outside of school to fill the position, however with a bit of creativity, enthusiasm and willingness to make any solution work we have put together a structure that we believe will serve Rooms 14 & 15, and Team Kahikatea extremely well.

For the remainder of the Year, Room 14 will be shared primarily between Emily Osborn (Deputy Principal & Team Kahikatea Leader) and Erica Leggett (Deputy Principal & Team Miro Leader). Emily will be in class Monday to Thursdays from 9 until lunch and be responsible together with Donna Curran-Green for Room 14 & 15's core literacy and mathematics programmes. Monday to Thursday afternoons, Erica Leggett will with Donna Curran-Green take responsibility for the delivery of the other curriculum areas e.g. PE, Science, The Arts etc. On Fridays, Emily and Erica will be released for management responsibilities and Rooms 14 & 15 will have Tania Bell and Donna as their classroom teachers. The structure we have settled on is slightly out of the ordinary, but we are quite excited at being able to put together an extremely strong and experienced team of teachers to serve the needs of students in Room 14 & 15.

We are all looking forward to an exciting term in Team Kahikatea.

Term 3 Focus:

Visual Arts: Textile skills

Health: Food and Nutrition

P.E: Rotation & Swing, Circuits/Striking, dribbling, passing

Science: Physical World

Social Science: Economic World

Te Reo: He Reo Tupu, He reo ora

Important Dates:

Year 4-6 Swimming Sports: 16th Aug

Orange Day (Road Patrol Parade): 7th Sept

Team Kahikatea ASB sports trip: 10th Sept

ArtSplash (day rehearsal & evening): 17th Sept

DanceSplash (day rehearsal & evening): 20th Sept

For more dates please keep an eye out on our school newsletter.

Road Patrol

We are desperate to hear from any parents who during Term 3 or 4 are able to volunteer 30-45 minutes in the morning or 20-25 minutes in the afternoon during the week to help with Road Patrol supervision.

If you are able to help we would very much appreciate it. Please contact Donna Curran-Green at donnacg@westpark.school.nz

Our road patrollers will be taking part in the annual Orange Day Parade in Wellington on Friday 7th of September to celebrate the contribution that they make in keeping our children safe on school crossings. Donna will send out further communication around the event in the next few weeks.

Parent/Teacher Interviews:

Thank you to everyone who booked and attended our Parent Teacher Interviews in Week 9 & 10 of Term 2. This year saw Room 12 & 13 and Room 14 & 15 complete their interviews together over the course of 4 evenings. Across Team Kahikatea we had our students share their learning as part of the interviews. It was fantastic to see our students taking greater ownership of their learning by sharing what they have learnt over the course of Term 1 & 2 and what their next learning steps are.



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.



Dance Splash:

If your child is involved in Dance Splash, our performance is held on the evening of Thursday September 20th, and more details will also be sent out about this in a few weeks. The tickets will also be available through the school office.

If you have any skills in sewing and may be able to help out with preparing some of our costumes for the night, please get in touch with Alisa by emailing alisas@westpark.school.nz. Any help is appreciated!



Artsplash:

Our Artsplash practices are well underway already, with our students sounding confident and working hard to harmonise and learn the songs. A couple of songs we are learning, 'Can't Stop This Feeling' and 'Rainbow Connection'. Our performance will be held at the Michael Fowler centre on the night of Monday September 17th. Tickets for families to attend the event will be sold through the school office. More details will be sent out about this soon, and we will also send out notices in a few weeks to gather numbers for the students who will be able to attend on the night.

Art Donations:

This term Team Kahikatea are going to be focussing on weaving as part of our textile art unit. Over the course of the term we will be exploring a variety of weaving techniques. If you have any: wool, ribbon, fabric, buttons, cardboard, plastic milk bottles or plastic plates, thin metal coat hangers you could donate to our team that would be fantastic. The more materials the better.

Teacher Contact:

Below is the contact information of your child's teacher if you need to get in touch with them. If your child is in:

R11: Alisa Schilder alisas@westpark.school.nz

R12: Jeremy Coenen jeremyc@westpark.school.nz

R13: Jade Poulter jadep@westpark.school.nz

R14: Emily Osborn & Erica Leggett emilyo@westpark.school.nz & erical@westpark.school.nz

R15: Donna Curran-Green donnacg@westpark.school.nz

Or, you could ring the office on (04 478 7074) and leave a message for your child's teacher and they will contact you back as soon as they can.

Our teachers are very hard working and they will try their best to get back to you within 2 working days.

We look forward to another fantastic and busy 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 some time in your child's classroom during the day.

Warm Regards,

Team Kahikatea

Emily Osborn (Team Leader/R14), Alisa Schilder (R11), Jeremy Coenen (R12), Jade Poulter (R13), Erica Leggett (R14), Donna Curran-Green (R15)