

Kahikatea Newsletter

Term Four, October 2018



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school and Term 4. We hope you have all had a lovely holiday break and got to enjoy some valuable family time. We are all looking forward to an exciting term in Team Kahikatea.

Term 4 Focus:

Visual Arts: Collage skills

Health: Camp preparation

P.E: Striking and Fielding – Small Ball, Swimming & Athletics

Science: Material World

Social Science: Identity, Culture, and Organisation

Te Reo: He Reo Tupu, He reo ora

Important Dates:

Athletics Day: 31st Oct

Swimming: 5th-16th Nov

Camp: 11th -14th Dec

Year 6 Graduation: 18th Dec

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

Camp:

Kahikatea Camp has come along so quickly! A reminder that as we are heading to El Rancho in Week 9 (11th – 14th December), we require any outstanding camp payments to be made in full by **1st November**. Please ensure that you and your child have a look through the gear list and check that they have everything that they need to bring along. Another copy of this list will be sent out with the next Parent Booklet closer to our camp date.

If you or your child have any questions, please speak to Jeremy Coenen in Room 12 (jeremyc@westpark.school.nz) or your child's classroom teacher.

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.



Swimming & Parent Helpers:

Team Kahikatea's swimming programme is on from 5th to 16th of November. Thank you to everyone who has paid and returned their permission slips. Just a reminder that the final day of payment is **30th of October**.

Generally, this is a really hard time for Team Kahikatea to get enough parent helpers to help walk us safely to and from the pool. So if you are able to help us during that time that would be great and it means that our swimming programme can go ahead.



Sunhats:

This term it is compulsory for students to wear a wide-brimmed sunhat at break times as we head towards the warmer months. Could you please help us by reminding your child to bring their named hat to school every day? If they don't bring a wide-brimmed hat they will need to play in a shaded area.

End of Year Reports:

Team Kahikatea's End of Year Reports will be going out slightly earlier than scheduled. The rest of the school will be receiving their reports on Friday 14th December. Unfortunately, this is the same day Team Kahikatea get back from camp so our teachers will not be able to upload them on to Seesaw. You can expect to receive your child's report on the afternoon of **Monday 10th of December**.

Visual Art donations:

For visual art this term we are focussing on collage and decoupage (the art of covering objects with paper or other media). Therefore, we are asking students to bring along any of the following: A shoe box or other small box, a plastic bottle or jar, old magazines with faces in them, printed photos of family, friends, pets etc (not real photos), old serviettes, wrapping paper, etc.

Seesaw:

At the end of the year your child's Seesaw account will be archived as they either leave West Park School, or as they move up to another year group. Please make sure you download their Seesaw account so you can access any important documents - including the Mid Year and End of Year Reports.

Here is how to do it:

1. Sign into your family account
2. Click your profile icon on the top left
3. Click the gear icon
4. Click account settings
5. Scroll down and click Download Journal Archives
6. Click the Download Journal button for the journal you want to download

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.

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)

WEST PARK SCHOOL PATROLS NEEDS YOU!

The parents who volunteer for Road Patrol are a really important part of the team that ensure that our students and whanau arrive and leave school safely. Two parents who support our patrollers and teachers in developing an awareness of road safety are Sharon and Jeanette.



Why do you enjoy being a patrol volunteer?

Jeanette: "I love getting to know the kids better and seeing how my kids interact with their friends. It is also a really great way to get to know some of the families at our school."

Sharon: "I really enjoy meeting and greeting parents and students; making sure that everyone arrives and leaves school safely."

Would you recommend being a patrol volunteer to other parents and caregivers?

Jeanette: "I would definitely recommend being a volunteer as it is really good way for being more connected with what is happening at the school."

Sharon: "I would recommend it, because it only takes half an hour of your time in the morning or afternoon and it shows that you care about the children's safety."

If you would like to become a patrol volunteer in 2018 or 2019 and support our students, please contact Whaea Donna in Room 15 or email at donnacg@westpark.school.nz