



Term 3 Newsletter

Kia Ora whānau and welcome back to Term 3! Our Year 3/4's enjoyed their time towards the end of last term at Lakewood Lodge camp and we all ended the term on a high with our Matariki celebrations. We're now all back and ready to go with another exciting term full of fun and learning.

This term we are counting down towards our annual School Ag Day and working hard to impress you with our indoor exhibits that will be on show.

School Values

RESPECT *** **RESPONSIBILITY** *** **RESILIENCE**

In Term 3 we continue to focus on our school values daily and we appreciate your support at home with this. These values are an important part of our school culture and underpin what we believe most important for our learners to thrive and grow not just academically but also as responsible and compassionate individuals.

Our school values of respect, responsibility and resilience serve as the foundation for creating a positive and inclusive learning environment. Throughout this term, we will actively reinforce these values through various activities and discussions. We encourage parents and guardians to join us in promoting these values at home as well. By consistently, reinforcing these principles both at school and at home, we can collectively foster a strong sense of character in our tamariki.

Term 3 Learning

This term, in Takahe and Tui, we are underway with our big focus on 'Under The Sea' which will also be our theme for Ag Day. The children will be learning about the different classification of sea creatures, their habitats and the issues that face our marine life such as pollution and overfishing. Our Literacy focus this term is on writing information reports as we work towards researching and creating a presentation about a chosen sea creature and an issue that it faces.



Kakapo learners will be spending the first few weeks learning about the Olympic Games and its host country France. We will then be creating Google Slide Presentations to showcase what they have learned. In the middle of the term we will be studying Solar Energy and creating our own Solar Cars.

Team assemblies this term will be on Friday at 2.30pm in the school hall on the following weeks:

Week 4 - Kakapo hosting

Week 6 - Tui hosting

Week 8 - Takahe hosting

Families are welcome to join us at our team assemblies!

Homework

The following homework continues in Term 3:

- Daily reading (group reader, browsing box book, or library book)
- Mathematics: 10 mins of Course Work and 5 mins of 'Live'
- Spelling: 10mins of StepsWeb practise and/or assigned spelling words

We are noticing an increasing number of children not bringing their book bags to school each day and therefore not being allowed to take a reader home. Can we please have your support with this at home to make sure they are doing their reading each night and then putting their book bag back in their school bag ready for the next day. Thank you!



Cyber Safety

This term we are continuing with our series of cyber safety lessons focused on how to keep safe online. We encourage you to continue having these conversations with your children at home and working through the BIG RECONNECT PROGRAMME at home which is available FREE to our families. It is only available until October so if you haven't already, you can sign up here: <https://our-kids-online.teachable.com/>

To access The Big Reconnect course, please click on the following link: [The Big Reconnect](#)
This will take you to the main page for you to enrol in the course. Click ENROL NOW This will then take you to the enrolment page.
Step 1 On the left side of the page put in your email address
Step 2 On the right-hand side of the page click on Add Coupon Code then copy and paste BUCKLANDFREE
Step 3 Then click on apply
Step 4 Click on get it for free
This will then take you to a new page for you to:
Step 5 Add your name
Step 6 Create a password

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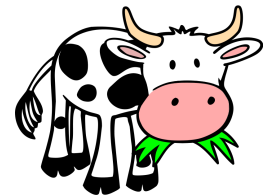
We are looking forward to and training hard for our School Cross Country on Thursday 8th August (Week 4). Extra training at home is encouraged! Children can bring a change of clothes for the run if they wish. Please remind your child/ren to wear closed in shoes on the day that are suitable for running - no gumboots/crocs. Families are welcome to come along and support our runners. Further information will be in our school newsletter closer to the time.



Agricultural Day

The countdown is on to our annual School Ag Day at the end of the term on Saturday 28th September. Work in the classrooms has already begun, with heaps more happening over the term. Ag Day information for each class is being sent home shortly and will also be available on the school website. We appreciate your support in helping with some of our indoor exhibits at home - please encourage children to manage their time well so they have an enjoyable experience completing their at-home requirements. Awesome effort to those who have taken on the responsibility of raising a pet this term - we look forward to meeting them all on Ag Day!

Information about the school 2024 Ag Day Project is available on our school website under the 'AG Day' tab. This project is to be completed by children Year 4 and up who are not showcasing an animal at Ag Day (Year 3 children can participate in this task also if they would like, however it is not compulsory).



Please spread the word and encourage your friends and family to attend our Ag Day as the children are looking forward to sharing their work with you all.

Health & Wellbeing

Term 3 is another Winter term so we please ask that children:

- Bring a change of clothes if they want to play on the field - no uniforms.
- Wear layers as the temperature changes throughout the day.
- Bring a rain jacket everyday in case of rain.
- Bring a named drink bottle everyday to stay hydrated.
- Please stay home if you are unwell to stop the spread of sickness.

Please also remember to name all clothing and belongings that come to school! The Lost Property Box is located just inside the Hall, next to the Uniform Shop if your child is missing any of their clothing.

Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 Children in Kakapo are looking forward to attending Camp Adair on 20th-22nd November in Term 4. Information about this camp will come home closer to the time.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term with the tamariki!

Kind Regards,
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