

Kakapo Syndicate

Term Four, 2017



Welcome back and a special welcome to students and families who are new to Kakapo or Ngaio School.

Reporting

Year 3

The final round of Year 3 conferences will be held on Tuesday 21 November and Wednesday 22 November. The 20 minutes conferences are held in your child's classroom. Families involved in these conferences will receive an email closer to the time. Please only book a conference time if you have been emailed directly.

Year 4

Year 4 children will receive an end of year report as a summary of their progress. The written report will go home with children in the last week of this term.

Cummings Park Library

Classes will be visiting Cummings Park library again in term three. If you are able to attend please contact your child's teacher.

Room 13	Friday 17 November, 2pm
Room 14	Friday 3 November, 2pm
Room 20	Friday 10 November, 2pm
Room 5	Friday 24 November, 2pm
Room 12	Friday 1 December, 2pm
Room 8	Friday 27 October, 2pm

Numeracy

Classes will be revising number knowledge and will revisit addition, subtraction, multiplication this term. Our strand focus is algebra in particular identifying patterns and writing simple formula equations.

Literacy

Extending a child's knowledge of words helps both reading and writing. As part of our daily literacy programmes children are exploring and using a wide range of new and unusual words. In classes we discuss antonyms and synonyms for words to encourage vocabulary development. Common prefixes are specifically taught to build connections between words. Opportunities for talking and listening are also planned into classroom programmes to help expose children to as many words as we can.

Term 4 Topic

In term 4 we have a Social Sciences topic planned to learn about significant places around our world. What are the seven wonders of the world? Who built them and why? How were they built? What makes some places more important than others? We have called this topic *Our Wonderous World* and anticipate it will provide a real sense of awe and wonder as we investigate man-made and natural wonders of our world.

STRIVE

Parents are invited to attend our STRIVE assembly 7 December at 11.10am (venue to be confirmed).

Thank You

Kakapo teachers are proud of the syndicate wide learning programmes and opportunities we have provided this year. In the first three terms Kakapo syndicate completed a combined 28 individual class trips to Government House, Pukeahu War Memorial Education Centre, Te Papa and the Carter Observatory. On top of this we had trips to Cummings Park library, swimming sports, choir performances, band performances, Kapa Haka Festival along with numerous sports related trips. Although we are fortunate to live in a city with a wealth of school trip options none of them would be possible without planning, organisation and support. We are grateful for all the offers of help throughout the year to make these trips possible. Thank you!

Triathlon

The annual Kakapo triathlon is on Thursday 30 November using our school pool, astro turf and field. Children have the option of competing in the biathlon (swim, run), triathlon (swim, bike, run) or ultrathon (completing the triathlon twice). Please contact your child's teacher if you are available to help. We are especially seeking parents to check over bikes and supervise bike collection during the triathlon. The PTA will be selling lemonade popsicles as a fundraiser. If you are able to help marshall this event please contact your child's class teacher.

Kakapo Aqua/Tri/Ultrathon 2017

Thursday 30th November

Events starting at 9.30am



This is a **fun** event for all children to **enjoy** and **participate** in. The children will be grouped in their year group and by gender. They can **choose** which event they would like to enter out of:

- **Aquathlon** - Swim (2 lengths), Run (2x around the field)
- **Triathlon** - Swim (2 lengths), Bike (3x around the courts), Run (2x around the field)
- **Ultrathon** - Swim (4 lengths), Bike (6x around the courts), Run (4x around the field)



Important points:

- The children only do one event and will be asked by their teacher to select the event they will enter by Wednesday 22 November.
- Swimming - they can swim any stroke, run or walk in the pool
- Biking - children must have a helmet, wear shoes and be able to ride confidently on a suitably sized bike.
- If your child doesn't have a bike and wants to compete in the triathlon or ultrathon please arrange to borrow a bike from someone else who is not in the same event as them. This needs to be organised by parents prior to the day.
- Please bring bikes to the transition area on the astro turf before 8.50am. The bikes can be picked up at lunchtime or after school depending on what suits your family.
- You are welcome to come and enjoy this event. For safety reasons it would be best if spectators stay in either the biking area on the bottom courts or on the field area rather than moving between the two events.
- Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to help on the day as a marshall by Thursday 16 November.



School Communication

The school newsletter is emailed home to families. Paper copies can be requested from the office. Our school website and Facebook page are updated regularly with photographs, children's work and reminders. All students across Ngaio have a Seesaw account as a way of sharing their learning. If you require support accessing your child's seesaw account please contact your child's teacher.

Absences

If children are going to be late or away from school please email absences@ngaio.school.nz and copy in your child's teacher to that email. The email should contain your child's name, room number, reason and period for absence or lateness. Please also remember to sign out your child at the office if they leave the school grounds between 9-3pm and to sign in if they arrive between these times.

Messages

If you need to contact your child with an urgent message please notify the office to ensure the message is received rather than the class teacher. Messages emailed to teachers for children may not be received during teaching.

Hats

A reminder that children are required to wear a sunhat in terms one and four. Teachers and parents can support children become sunsmart citizens by modelling wearing a hat during outdoor school activities.

The Kakapo Team

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