

Kakapo Syndicate

Term Two, 2018



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

Wet and Wild Science Topic

This term we have a *Wet and Wild* Science focus. Children will be learning about oceans and the animals that live in them. We will be visiting the Island Bay Marine Education Centre to support our Science inquiry with a hands on learning experience. The trip will take us inside the aquarium where we will be able to touch and see up close sea creatures including an octopus! If you are able to attend as a parent helper please contact your child's class teacher.

Children will need to be dressed warmly as part of this class trip is looking at sea creatures on the shore line. Trips have been timetabled to coincide with a low tide. Gumboots and or a change of socks and shoes will be a sensible option for footwear. Children are encouraged to pack an extra pair of clothes 'just in case' they get their feet and legs wet.

Room 12 and Room 8 Tuesday 12 June, 9am - 12pm

Room 9 and Room 10 Wednesday 13 June 9am - 12pm

Room 6 and Room 5 Thursday 14 June 9am - 12.30pm (longer session because more children involved)

Cummings Park Library

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

Room 12	Friday 1 June, 2pm
Room 10	Friday 25 May, 2pm
Room 9	Friday 22 June, 10am
Room 5	Friday 8 June, 2pm
Room 6	Friday 11 May, 2pm
Room 8	Friday 18 May, 2pm

Cross Country

Classes are practising for the annual Ngaio School cross country. Due to our temperamental weather it is difficult to hold practices on set days and so we ask children to be prepared with appropriate footwear and clothing. Parents are welcome to watch the event on the morning of Thursday 17 May. More information about this and approximate times of the races will be in our school newsletter.

Year 4 Swimming Sports

The Year 4 swimming sports are at Keith Spry Pool on Wednesday 13 June. We will be departing on bus at 9.30am and returning to school by 1.30pm. More specific information with a permission form will be given to Year 4 children closer to this event once organisation has been finalised with Easy Swim.

Physical Education

Teachers have been working with Sport Wellington to use the Sport Start education programme. This week classes began this programme with the first of a series of invasion games aimed to develop attack and defence skills. Kakapo syndicate sport is held on Tuesday afternoons.

Te Reo and Kapa Haka

Matua Alwyn will continue teaching Te Reo sessions in classrooms every second Thursday. This term Kakapo are focusing on developing basic conversation in Te Reo by answering in Te Reo "Kei te pehea aha koe?" How are you? We will also be learning nga kupu (vocabulary) for kaimoana and the sea along with myths and legends supporting our Wet and Wild topic.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Keeping Ourselves Safe is a child protection programme in which children and young people learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. New Zealand Police recommends that schools use the learning activities in Keeping Ourselves Safe within a whole-school approach. Constable Aaron Dann will be working alongside teachers at Ngaio School to present the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme to classes. Further information about this programme will be available through the school newsletter.

Three Way Conferences

Parents are invited to attend a three way conference with their child to discuss progress made and next learning steps. These will be held on Wednesday 20 June and Thursday 21 June. Booking information will be emailed via our school office closer to these dates.

Literacy

We encourage all children to be reading regularly at home either independently or being read to. Word finds, anagrams, writing notes and sending emails are fun ways to support children's literacy. Take time to discuss the meaning of new words your child hears or reads. Building a child's vocabulary lifts their reading and writing.

“Super Duper”

Kakapo will attend the annual New Zealand Book Week education-musical performance on Tuesday 22 May. The performance uses a *classic New Zealand* childrens' book alongside the 2018 annual shortlisted books. The musical will be held in our library.

Numeracy

Basic facts continues to be a major focus across the school and in our daily mathematics programmes. You can best help your child by revising basic facts at home. This term our focus moves to multiplication and division. At home ask your child to skip count forwards and backwards as a way of becoming familiar with the numbers in each times table family as a beginning step towards learning times tables.

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.

The Kakapo Team

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