

Kauri Team Newsletter
Long Bay Primary
Term One 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A warm welcome back to school! We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing and refreshing summer holiday. We look forward to getting to know the students in our classes. We warmly welcome new students to the school and trust they will make friends and settle quickly into their new school and classes.

This year, the Kauri Team will consist of one Year 5 and 6 class (Room 16 with Miss Daniels) and three Year 6 classes; Mr Joyes in Room 13, Ms Kelly in Room 14 and Mr Wallace in Room 15. Mrs Douglas, Ms Koopen and Mrs Weavers will also be working in our team.

There will be opportunities for students to join a variety of lunchtime and extracurricular activities like sports teams, music groups, and the enviro/health groups. There are also many opportunities for Year 5 and 6 students to take on leadership roles and contribute to the school community with monitor responsibilities such as office duties, wet day monitors, librarians, and sports monitors.

Learning

Our first inquiry topic this term is 'The Qualities of an Effective Learner / Having a Growth Mindset'. Each class creates a metaphor for learning and uses this to review and extend their understanding of concepts such as the behaviours of effective learners, how to use self-assessment to improve our work and the difference between fixed and growth mindsets.

Later in the term we will be exploring the big idea in science that the Earth is a closed system. Every atom that is currently on Earth has always been on Earth (barring the very occasional meteor landing). We will be looking at this idea through the context of Volcanoes.

In PE, our key focus is on developing water skills - either through the Waterwise programme for those Year 6s who pass set criteria or through swimming lessons at Northern Arena. We truly appreciate the help given by parents to ensure that these programmes are able to run.

The School Day

The classrooms are opened at 8:30 am. There is no supervision for children who arrive earlier than this. Kelly Club is available to provide before and after school care for a fee. Lessons begin at 8:55 am. If your child arrives after the 8:55 bell, they must sign in at the office to get a late pass for school. The school day finishes at 2:55 pm. Unless they are attending Kelly Club or are with their parent, students must head straight home at the end of the day.

Home Learning

Students will be given home learning activities each week. This may involve completing 1000 points of Mathletics, learning spelling words and reading daily. Students will also be expected to practise any unknown multiplication and division facts. Some students will occasionally be expected to prepare a presentation at home or other tasks. Please note that home learning will only be marked if it is handed in on the day that it is due. Students will be allocated house points and reward stickers for completing this work on time.

Uniform / Equipment

Students who travel to school by scooter or bike need to have signed permission (forms can be collected from the office). All bike and scooter riders must wear a helmet. Students need to push their bike or scooter into the school grounds and put it into the rack by the office immediately.

Electronic Devices

No electronic devices are to be sent to school, including e-readers. If a student brings a cell phone to school, it must be left at the office during the school day.

Uniform / Equipment

Students should be wearing our school uniform with pride. It is important that the correct uniform is worn however we do understand that there may be times when it is necessary for non-regulation items to worn. An explanatory note would be appreciated.

Please ensure that all clothing and classroom stationery are clearly labelled. You might need to check that labels are still able to be read, especially on clothing items which are washed frequently. Students are expected to take responsibility for looking after their possessions.

Sunhats are compulsory during term 1 and 4. Please also ensure that your child has sunscreen applied before school and that they are able to re-apply it on hot days. The students are quite active, with an hour and a half to two hours outside most days (for breaks and physical education), so sunscreen is needed even on cloudy days. Please note that the shoes your child wears to school need to be suitable for sports activities.

Money

Students should not bring money to school unless it is requested by the teacher/school. Any money sent to school needs to be clearly labelled with your child's name, room number and the purpose, in an envelope. Many payments will now be able to be made through the LBP Shop, which can be found on the school website.

Communication

If you would like to talk to your child's teacher about any matter, please email the teacher concerned. They can then either address the matter through email or arrange a suitable time to meet, if required. Unless urgent, we will endeavour to reply by the end of the following working day. Teachers seldom check their emails during the day while they are teaching, so any urgent messages for your child need to go through the school office please. Please read the fortnightly newsletter. Families who don't read it miss out on important school information meaning that their children can miss out on opportunities.

Term 1 Events

Mon 5 Feb	First day of Term 1
Tues 6 Feb	Waitangi Day public holiday - no school
Tues 13 Feb	Year 6 Millennium Water safety day and Waterwise assessment
Thu 22 Feb	Year 6 Waterwise begins
Wed 28 Feb	Goal setting conferences. SCHOOL FINISHES at 12:30 pm
Thu 1 Mar	Year 6 Waterwise
Mon 5 Mar - Thurs 15 Mar	Year 5 / Year 6 students who aren't doing Waterwise - swimming lessons (daily)
Wed 14 Mar	Parent Puberty Plus information evening
Fri 16 Mar	Swimming Sports (Years 4, 5 and 6)
Wed 21 Mar	Year 6 students - Positive Puberty Plus programme
Fri 30 Mar -Tues 3 Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS - no school
Sun 8 April	Shore to Shore
Tues 10 Apr	Inter-school swim competition (for selected students)
Thu 12 Apr	Red Riding Robyn Hood - whole school performance
Fri 13 Apr	Last day of Term 1

We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Kind regards,

The Kauri Team Teachers - Ms Miranda Kelly (Team Leader), Mr Aaron Joyes, Mr Mark Wallace, Ms Kristie Daniels, Mrs Alison Weavers, Ms Victoria Koopen and Mrs Nikki Douglas