

Kauri Team Newsletter

Long Bay Primary

Term Four 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It's hard to believe that we have only got one term to go this year, but what an amazing term it will be!

### **Learning**

Our inquiry topics for term three and four have been building towards our trip to Tiritiri Matangi Island during week two. In Social Science we have been looking at the changing use of the islands of the Hauraki Gulf by populations of humans. We will be doing an inquiry into a native bird, looking at habitats and behavioural and physical adaptations that have occurred over time.

In English, students will be honing their skills in writing procedures / instructions. Much of our reading programme will be around our inquiry learning topic. Reading mileage is a very important part of improving and so children are expected to read daily at home to support the work they are doing in class. In maths, we will consolidate the numeracy skills taught throughout the year. We will also look at financial literacy skills.

### **We will continue to explore coding and robotics.**

Our physical activity programme is very full in term four. We will be having weekly basketball sessions with coaches from the Breakers. We will also be continuing with the Waterwise Programme from week 2, culminating in our trip to Goat Island. On top of this, we will be preparing the students for the athletics day.

### **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 report to the office to get a late pass for school. The school day finishes at 2:55 pm.

### **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.

### **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.

During term four, please make sure that your child has sunscreen and a hat at school. With all the physical activity we have planned, there are times when the students will be outside all afternoon. Please make sure that they are able to protect their skin from the harsh New Zealand sun.

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. Please check in with your child that they still have all the stationery that they need for school as there are a number of students who no longer have specific items (e.g. a blue pen, a ruler, etc).

The shoes that your child wears to school need to be suitable for sports activities. All children need to wear shoes to and from school.

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. For the safety of all, students need to push their bike or scooter into the school grounds and put it into the rack by the office immediately.

## **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 4 Events**

Mon 15 Oct	Basketball sessions with Breakers coach begin
Wed 17 Oct	'Shake It Out' day (earthquake awareness)
Mon 22 Oct	LABOUR DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wed 24 Oct pm	ROOMS 14/16 TO TIRITIRI MATANGI - Be at school by 8.10 am. Pick up 4.45
Thu 25 Oct	Waterwise Session 1
Fri 26 Oct up 4.45 pm	ROOMS 13/15 TO TIRITIRI MATANGI - Be at school by 8.10 am. Pick
Mon 29 Oct	Basketball sessions
Wed 31 Oct	We Learn Conference for specific students and teachers
Thur 1 Nov	Waterwise
Mon 5 Nov	Basketball sessions
Thur 8 Nov	Waterwise
Thur 14 Nov	Waterwise
Fri 16 Nov	SCHOOL TWILIGHT GALA
Mon 19 Nov	Senior Athletics Day
Thur 22 Nov	No Waterwise for Year 6 / Waterwise introduction session for Year 5
Tue 27 Nov	Cluster Athletics Day at Kristin for selected students
Wed 28 Nov Long Bay College	Concert for violin, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone students at
Thur 29 Nov	Waterwise
Fri 30 Nov	School Disco evening, PTA Fundraiser
Thu 6 Dec	GOAT ISLAND TRIP - final Waterwise
Wed 12 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Thu 20 Dec	Last Day of School

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