

Kakapo Syndicate

Term One, 2018



Welcome back and a special welcome to students and families who are new to Kakapo or Ngaio School. Our year has begun smoothly and classes have settled into their learning programmes quickly. Thank you for having your children ready with stationery on the first day back.

Our Team

We have seven teachers in Kakapo syndicate. Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher at any point during the year.

Year 3

Karan Lathan Room 9
Christina Oldridge Room 10
Sam Jenkins Room 12

Year 4

Sarah Simpson Room 8 (Team Leader)
Emily Pettigrew Room 6
Lucy Unsworth Room 6
Daniel Byrne Room 5

Meet the Teacher Evening

Parents are invited to attend our Meet the Teacher Evening. Families are welcome to hear an overview of how Kakapo syndicate is organised 5.30pm - 6pm, Thursday 8 February in Room 6. The evening will include information about our STRIVE optional homework programme. You are welcome to eat a picnic tea on our school field from 5pm. For those families with children also in Tui syndicate please note Tui will be hosting their parent evening on the same evening beginning their talk at 6.15pm in the new Tui block followed by a camp meeting.

Goal Setting Meetings

Goal setting meetings will take place on Monday 5 March and Tuesday 6 March. Online booking information will be sent out by our school office.

Meeting the Key Competencies

There are five key competencies that underpin the New Zealand Curriculum. One of these key competencies is managing self. It is important that we provide authentic opportunities for children to manage themselves. We encourage children to enter the classroom without a parent and to carry the responsibility of organising themselves for the day. As a teaching team we support children to become gradually more self managing and we encourage parents to provide opportunities for this to happen.

<http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Key-competencies>

Cummings Park Library

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

Room 5	23 February, 2pm
Room 8	6 April, 10am
Room 6	23 March, 2pm
Room 9	16 March, 2pm
Room 10	2 March, 2pm
Room 12	9 March, 2pm

Swimming and Gymnastics

This term children will receive a weekly 30 minute swimming lesson and a 30 minute gymnastics session with Easyswim. These will occur on the same day for each class. Children will need togs, goggles and a towel as well as comfortable clothing and a hat for the outdoor gymnastics sessions.

Room 5	Tuesday
Room 8	Tuesday
Room 6	Monday
Room 9	Monday
Room 10	Friday
Room 12	Tuesday

Scootering

Children in years 1- 4 are fortunate to be involved with the Safe Scootering Programme facilitated by Wellington City Council. The 45 minute session will cover riding your scooter safely on the footpath, stopping safely and awareness of pedestrians. Some scooters and helmets will be available for children to use but where possible children are encouraged to bring their own scooter and helmet. These will be stored in classrooms on the day of the programme.

Room 5	Tuesday 27 February
Room 8	Wednesday 28 February
Room 6	Thursday 1 March
Room 9	Wednesday 28 February
Room 10	Wednesday 28 February
Room 12	Tuesday 27 February

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.

Numeracy

Numbers are all around us and are fun to play with. You can support your child's numeracy by playing board games, comparing prices in the supermarket with quantity, and posing maths questions. Prototec: <https://maths.prototec.co.nz/> is an excellent website to build a child's recall of basic facts.

Social Sciences Focus

Learning about the *Journeys* of people and animals to, from and within New Zealand is our social science focus in term one. As part of this topic we are visiting the Journeys Learning Programme at the Museum of Wellington. Due to the size of our syndicate the trip will span over two days with some classes going together. Classes participating in the morning sessions will have their morning tea at the museum. Classes attending the afternoon sessions will have an early lunch and play. Please email your class teacher if you are available to be a parent helper.

Room 5	Monday 19 March departing at 11.50am and returning to Ngaio 2.50pm
Room 8	Monday 19 March departing at 11.50am and returning to Ngaio 2.50pm
Room 6	Tuesday 20 March departing at 11.50am and returning to Ngaio 2.50pm
Room 9	Tuesday 20 March departing at 9.10am and returning to Ngaio 12pm
Room 10	Tuesday 20 March departing at 9.10am and returning to Ngaio 12pm
Room 12	Monday 19 March departing at 9.10am and returning to Ngaio 12pm

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. We will be providing each child with their own Seesaw account as a way of sharing items of learning with parents via the seesaw app. More information about seesaw will be coming home over the next few weeks.

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.

Hats

Hats are to be worn outside during terms one and four. Please ensure your child has a named brimmed hat.

The Kakapo Team

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