



# Kakapo Syndicate

## Term One, 2017

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

### **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

Alayne Wright and Sarah Simpson Room 20  
Lucy Unsworth Room 13  
Karan Lathan Room 14

#### Year 4

Emily Pettigrew Room 5  
Daniel Edmonds Room 8  
Lucy Yates Room 12

### **Meet the Teacher Evening**

Parents and children are invited to attend our Meet the Teacher Evening. Families are welcome to meet the Kakapo teaching team at 5.30pm, Thursday 16 February in Room 67 to hear an overview of how Kakapo syndicate will run. This will include information about our STRIVE optional homework programme. At 6pm families can join Tui Syndicate for a picnic tea on the school field. From 6.30pm - 7pm our classrooms will be open for you to view.

### **Hats**

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

### **Reporting**

Goal setting conferences for Year 4 children will be held in week 6. An online booking system will become available closer to the time. Year 3 teachers will notify parents when their anniversary reports and conferences are due by email to set up appointment times. These will run throughout the year.

### 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 20	3rd March, 2pm
Room 13	10th March, 2pm
Room 14	24th February, 2pm
Room 5	17th March, 2pm
Room 8	17th February 11am
Room 12	24th March, 2pm

### 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.

### Arrival Times

A number of children are arriving at school between 7.45am and 8.15 am. Teachers tend to be at school between 7am and 7.45am and we use the time to prepare for teaching or to attend meetings. We expect children to come into class between 8.30am and 9.00am. Our before school care programme releases children at 8.30am to go to class.

### 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 20	Monday 10am
Room 13	Friday 11.30am
Room 14	Monday 1.40pm
Room 5	Wednesday 10.05am
Room 8	Wednesday 11.30am
Room 12	Tuesday 1.40pm

### 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

Basic facts is a major focus across the school. Mr Edmonds has put together a list of websites to support your child learn their basic facts (this will be emailed to all families). Having a quick recall of basic facts enables children to learn mathematical strategies with greater ease.

### Social Sciences Focus

Heroes is our Social Science Focus in term one. We will be learning about real life heroes from New Zealand and around the world. As part of this unit we are planning a visit to Government House and Pukeahu. More information about this will follow over the next few weeks.

### 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](mailto: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.

*The Kakapo Team*

*Sarah Simpson (team leader), Alayne Wright, Lucy Unsworth, Karen Lathan, Emily Pettigrew, Daniel Edmonds and Lucy Yates.*

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