

Kakapo Syndicate

Term Two, 2017



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

Reporting

Year 3 parents of children with full or half birthdays falling this term will be contacted via email to make an online conference booking with their child's class teacher. The conferences are held on Tuesday 30 May and Wednesday 31 May in classrooms.

Year 4 three way mid year conferences will take place in the week beginning 19 June. Parents will be contacted via email to make an online conference booking with their child's class teacher.

All conferences are 20 minutes in duration and will be held in classrooms.

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 13	Friday 12 May, 2pm
Room 14	Friday 26 May, 2pm
Room 20	Friday 2 June, 2pm
Room 5	Friday 16 June, 2pm
Room 12	Friday 23 June, 2pm
Room 8	Friday 30 June, 2pm

Cross Country

Classes started practising for the annual Ngaio School cross country towards the end of term one. Due to our temperamental weather it is difficult to hold practices on set days. Children have been advised to come prepared to run the course on fine days. Parents are welcome to watch the event on Thursday 18 May, 9 - 12.30. More information about this will be in our school newsletter.

Government House

Our trip to Government House and Pukeahu War Memorial was a huge success. Government House is open for public viewing and would make for a great family activity. The magic carpet and golden apple are two must see items in the house! <https://gg.govt.nz/tours>

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 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 get 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.

Science Focus

Kakapo teachers have planned a science unit around the focus question: How is New Zealand's landscape formed? We will be learning about places around New Zealand using models, charts, diagrams photographs and written texts. Some of the places we will be exploring include Franz Josef glacier, the Southern Alps, Lake Taupo, Mt Ruapehu, 90 Mile Beach, Rotorua Geysers and the Desert Road. If you have a science strength in this area we would love to hear from you.

Te Papa Visit

We are visiting the "Awesome Forces" education exhibition at Te Papa to support our science focus. Year 3 classes are going on Tuesday 23 May and Year 4 classes on Thursday 25 May. Buses will depart after 9am and return at 2.15pm from Te Papa. We require parents to supervise small groups of children around Te Papa to complete activities. If you are able to help please contact your child's class teacher via email.

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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