



Welcome to our Kahikatea students, families and friends,

Here is a brief overview of the learning experiences you can expect to see happening in Kahikatea in Term Two:

### Our Learning Goals

#### Science (The Living World) and New Zealand Histories

Through the context 'Ngāhere Kaitiaki - Guardians of Our Forest', and focus on Kahikatea and Harakeke, students will:

- learn the versatility and traditional uses of these native plants
- discover history about the trading of harakeke in Aotearoa, New Zealand
- engage in the planting of edible plants at our school and native trees at Kōwhai Park
- create iMovies, retelling the legend of how Māui slowed the sun
- make woven toys, flowers, and visual art from Harakeke

#### Reading

- enjoy the novel, 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown, through shared reading
- learn to skim, scan and summarise information in non-fiction texts

#### Writing

- craft information reports and explanations
- learn effective note-taking, sentence structure, paragraphing and tools to proofread and edit
- create a narrator's script, retelling the legend of how Māui slowed the sun

#### Mathematics

- learn facts and problem-solving strategies relating to multiplication, division and fractions
- explore measurement concepts with a focus on volume, mass and capacity

#### Health and Physical Education

- develop skills to invade and defend space in games such as Rugby, Hockey, Soccer, Netball and Rippa Rugby
- discover more about food and nutrition through the 'Food for Thought' programme
- learn and present a choreographed dance through scaffolded sessions

#### The Arts

- express ideas through music, dance and drama, presenting to an informal audience
- create Nicky Lowe inspired art with emphasis on foreground, background and contrasting thick, thin lines

### Our Home Learning or 'Homework'

This term, home learning will be prepared each Friday and sent home each Monday. In preparation for Year Seven and beyond, our students should complete between 30-40 minutes each day they are able.

#### Reading

Reading remains the priority for home learning. Students may be given a book to read by their teacher or required to select their own book from our school library each week. If you require specific reading material, please let us know.

#### Mathematics

Again, in preparation for Year Seven and beyond, it is essential that your child knows as many of their basic facts as possible (particularly the multiplication facts), from memory. For this reason, we will send home practice sheets each week. Your child should aim to improve their speed and accuracy.

#### Spelling

Each child will have a set of 'Essential Spelling Words' included in their home learning books this term. Focus on one 'list' at a time. Which words can your child already spell correctly? Which words do they need to practise? Choose 3-5 words to practise each week.

Please remember Book Bags each day to protect books, notices and home learning books.

### Seesaw

Have you checked out your child's Seesaw recently?

If not, please follow this easy link or QR-code: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/121-079-641>



## Our School Uniform

Now is a good time to get prepared for those cold winter months, if you haven't already.

Our winter uniform includes:

- Plain, navy shorts, skorts, track pants, trousers (no denim).
- Turquoise, long sleeved, poly-cotton sweatshirt, or, navy fleece jacket with Warkworth School logo.
- Turquoise polo shirts, or, V-neck t-shirts with the Warkworth School logo.
- Beanies, tights, long socks, thermals or visible undershirts are to be plain navy or black, please.

## Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Mobile phones are not permitted at school. This includes Smart Watches. If your child requires a communication device at school they must leave it at the Senior School Office before school and pick it up at the end of the day.

## Our School Calendar Dates

WEEK	EVENT	DATE
<b>ONE</b>	Be Right, Eat Right, Food and Nutrition Magic Show	Wednesday 1 May
	Kahikatea (C6) Camp Parent Information Evening, 5.30pm	Wednesday 1 May
	School Powhiri	Friday 3 May
<b>TWO</b>	New Zealand Sign Language Week	From Monday 6 May
	Kahikatea (C6) Camp	Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 May
<b>THREE</b>	Interschool Netball	Wednesday 15 May
	Pink Shirt Day	Friday 17 May
<b>FOUR</b>	Kahikatea (C6) Food For Thought programme	Tuesday 21 to Thursday 23 May
	HBC Ripa	Thursday 23 May
<b>FIVE</b>	Kahikatea (C6) Native Tree Planting at Kōwhai Park	Tuesday 28 May
	Interschool Soccer	Tuesday 29 May
	Teacher Only Day	Friday 31 May
<b>SIX</b>	King's Birthday	Monday 3 June
<b>SEVEN</b>	Give A Kid A Blanket	Thursday 13 June
	Kahikatea (C6) host School Assembly	Friday 14 June
	School Disco	Friday 14 June
<b>NINE</b>	Miro (C4) School Show	Tuesday 25 June
	Sports Assembly TBC	Thursday 29 June
	Matariki Public Holiday	Friday 28 June
<b>TEN</b>	School Reports sent home	Wednesday 3 July
	Mahurangi College, Year 7-9, present 'Madagascar'	Wednesday 3 July
	Last Day Term Two	Friday 5 July

Regards, Kahikatea Community teachers.

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