

Whānau Kererū Newsletter

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Dear Whānau,

Welcome to Term Four! We are looking forward to this coming term and what a term it's going to be! A focus for the first few weeks will be learning about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in relation to water. As a result students are going to be exposed to a wide range of skills integrated across the curriculum.

Key Curriculum Areas and Learning Objectives:

Te reo matatini <i>Inquiry:</i> <i>Science/</i> <i>STEM</i>	<p>Water is a Treasure, 'he taonga te wai'. Water is a finite resource that we use in a lot of different ways.</p> <p>"On average, we are made up of around 60 percent water, so understanding more about it will help us look after it and ourselves for a healthy future."</p> <p>We are learning to understand the Ecosystem and water quality of Lake Pupuke so that we can understand how humans have impacted this natural feature over time.</p>
Te Ao Kori <i>(Health and</i> <i>Physical Education)</i>	<p>Swimming - Water Skills for Life</p> <p>Please check with your class teacher for swimming times. Please you could make sure that your child has packed named togs and a towel. If your child is unable to swim, please send their teacher an email or a note.</p> <p>Athletics - Whānau Kererū will be training to improve their skills through athletics training. Over the course of the term students will experience: shot put, high jump, javelin, discus, sprints and hurdles. Training will take place outside therefore please ensure your child has appropriate shoes, sunhat, additional lunch and a water bottle.</p> <p>We are yet to finalise a date for the school athletics this term and the Cluster Athletic Competition is scheduled for Tuesday 5th December. If your child is interested in competing in this event. It is advised that they start training outside of school.</p>
Pāngarau <i>(Mathematics)</i>	<p>Work to build knowledge and understanding of different strategies for addition and subtraction as well as the properties of numbers. Making connections to different strategies to solve multiplication and division while finding links with fractions.</p> <p>Strand: Measurement</p>
Pānui/Tuhituhi <i>(Literacy/Writing)</i>	<p>Whānau Kererū will be working collaboratively across Kererū for an integrated reading and writing program this term. To choose the topics the learners were surveyed so that we could inspire their interest. The topics include: space, animals, cooking, geography/horrible histories and natural phenomena. As a result your child may be working with a different teacher depending on the topic group they are in. Students will work on this one topic for the next six weeks. Learners will be working towards sharing</p>

	their knowledge in Week eight at the Whānau afternoon starting at 2pm. We hope to see you there!
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What's Happening This Term?

Whānau Kererū will visit Lake Pupuke to look at the environment and study the water quality.

Tuesday 17th October (Week 2) - Environment of Lake Pupuke with Tabitha from Birdsong.

All Kererū classes will walk down to Lake Pupuke and look at the environment of the lake with Tabitha from Pupuke Birdsong.

Tuesday 24th October - 26th October (Week 3) Water quality with Kathryn from Watercare.

Kathryn from Watercare will work with us in the morning to learn about the theory behind water testing, then we will walk down to Lake Pupuke to test the water quality identifying turbidity, pH and nitrates additionally, we can learn about the process of water testing and what bugs live in the water.

Time	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26
9:10 - 11:00	KA/KB Theory in Class	KC/KD Theory in Class	KE Theory in Class
11:30 - 1:00	KA/KB Field Trip to Lake Pupuke	KC/KD Field Trip to Lake Pupuke	KE Field Trip to Lake Pupuke

If you are **able to help** with this in any way please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Electives every Friday 11.30am - 1:00 pm

This term we are offering electives to our students. It is an integrated hands on approach to using a variety of skills across the curriculum. These topics were chosen based on student interest.

We are offering:

- Cooking
- Science
- Art
- Geography

Home Learning:

- Gratitude and Mindfulness to focus on the present moment could be helpful strategies to support your child if they are feeling anxious or nervous about impending changes such as school holidays, intermediate or entering their last year of primary school. Encourage your child to share their worries with you. Other strategies might include tummy breathing, journaling or mindfulness coloring.
- Encourage your child to gain more independence, for example packing their own school bags, drying their togs and organising towels for swimming, or making sure that they have enough kai in their lunchbox and their water bottles are full for the day. A shared family calendar can be helpful to remember upcoming events.
- Read for pleasure, more and more research is showing that if parents deliberately model reading for enjoyment at home children are more likely to follow this. Consequently, high levels of reading engagement benefit not only reading but spelling, and writing. Auckland Library has the 'Libby' app

where you can borrow both digital books and audio books. You just need to link your library card to the account and download the app.

Key Dates

[Calendar – Takapuna Primary School](#)

<i>Wednesday 11th October</i>	Whānau Kererū STEM Challenge Day
<i>Thursday 12th October</i>	Cluster Cross Country
<i>Friday 13th October</i>	Mihi Whakatau - Welcome for new families
<i>Tuesday 17th October</i>	Tabitha - Pupuke Birdsong Kererū visits to Lake Pupuke
<i>Thursday 19th October</i>	TGS Cricket Tournament (optional)
<i>Monday 23rd October</i>	Labour Day-No school
<i>24th, 25th, 26th October</i>	Watercare: Visits to Lake Pupuke
<i>Friday 27th October</i>	Football Festival (optional)
<i>Thursday 2nd November</i>	Y5 Puberty
<i>Friday 10th November</i>	The Creatives group trip to Sculpture Park
<i>Monday 13th November</i>	Teacher Only Day
<i>Monday 27th November</i>	Kererū Whānau Afternoon 2pm
<i>Week 8</i>	Kererū Athletics final date TBC
<i>Wednesday 29th November</i>	BIS Visit
<i>Tuesday 5th December</i>	Cluster Athletics
<i>Wednesday 6th December</i>	Whole School Beach Picnic
<i>Thursday 7th December</i>	Year 6 Graduation
<i>Friday 8th December</i>	Year 6 Leaders Celebration: Pizza and Pool party
<i>Friday 15th December</i>	Last Day of Term

Reminders

- In term 4, every child is required to wear a sunhat to play outside. If a sunhat is forgotten, learners will be kept in the shade. Please remember to name all uniform pieces clearly. It is much easier to return lost items to their owners. It is important that students are wearing the correct uniform. Additional items for the hotter weather can be purchased from [here](#) or the second hand uniform shop at the office.
- Lunchboxes: Last term, we noticed that many learners may not have had enough kai in their lunchboxes, as a result some learners would often finish all their food at morning tea time. Could you please ensure that you support your child to have plenty of kai to last the day in their lunchbox as well as a full drink bottle. Making sure your child has enough food will ensure that they have energy to fully participate in swimming, athletics, and their learning.
- Being on time: It is crucial to be at school by 9am. By arriving at school after 9am, students miss essential information that the teachers give out during the morning roll call as well as the first block

of learning. It can be disruptive to the whole class. Could you please make sure that your child arrives at school before 9am.

- Stationery refresh: Please ask your child what they need for their pencil cases at school. These might be gluesticks, pencils or erasers.

Term Overview [Long Term Plan](#)

Click the link if you are interested in our term overview. Please note that responsive teacher practice allows for changes in the curriculum so that we are meeting the needs of our learners.

Term 4 Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Assembly Even Weeks
2x Swimming 30 minutes				
Top up/fitness	Top up/fitness	Top up/fitness	Top up/fitness	Top up/fitness
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
Morning Tea				
Te Reo / Arts	Literacy: Reading & Writing Rotation	Literacy: Reading & Writing Rotation	Literacy: Reading & Writing Rotation	Electives
Te Ao Maori/Kapa Haka				
Lunch				
Athletics Rotation	Inquiry	Inquiry	Inquiry	Finishing off afternoon

Please note this timetable may change each week and each class may be operating different lessons at different times.

Year 6 Graduation - Thursday 6th December

Please join us to celebrate the achievements of our Year Six students. This will start at 6:00pm. Year Five learners are invited to attend to farewell their friends.

Leavers Hoody

Orders close on November 3rd for delivery in week 6. These may be worn at school as part of the school uniform. They can be purchased [here](#).

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Ngā mihi,
Whānau Kererū.

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