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Tēnā koutou e te Akomanga Toru whānau,

Haere mai ki te Term 3. This term is full to bursting with awesome learning opportunities and experiences.

For eight days this term - once a week - we will have a new graduate student teacher in our class - Miss Ginny Gemmell. She is excited to spend time with the 'big' kids of the school, and we are excited to have her.



This is our production term, which is one of my particular passions. The production is called "A Night-in the Museum" and is about many historical events in the world over the last century or so. All senior children will be involved, either on stage or behind the scenes. The tamariki will be spending two mornings a week working on creating the production (Wednesdays and Thursdays). These times will build and change as we move closer to our show in Week 10 of this term. The members of the cast (who auditioned in term 2 and were selected) will also spend time in their breaks as well as production mornings practising throughout the term - they have already received their scripts to learn their lines. If you think you might be able to offer expertise in any part of the production, please let me know and I can forward your details to the right person to help!

Akomanga Toru is lucky to be a part of the Taku Wairua programme term 3 and 4 too. This happens every second Tuesday morning with staff from Waterboy - starting in Week 1. It will be supplemented on the other weeks with other activities to support personal development and mentoring. If you would like to find out more about this programme please check out Waterboy's website <https://www.takuwairua.co.nz/>



Te reo Māori plays an integral part in our school day. We spend the first 30 minutes of our day learning te reo Māori, and about tikanga Māori. Akomanga Toru are amazing at our waiata, we love singing together to start our day.



We also will continue our Move 2 Learn everyday, moving our bodies in ways that support our brain, motor skills and learning. Some of us continue to lead this in our neighbouring classroom, Akomanga 4. To build our fine motor skills even more with M2L we will be working with Mrs Roche on a Friday morning for 5 weeks learning about double doodle art, this term.

Our dramatic inquiry this term is about Kotahitanga and using art to express views - an artistic event developed by Creative Waikato. We will be looking at Irish emigration and compare it to the experiences of Māori during colonisation. This will also link back the art which features in the Kotahitanga exhibition and event...we will also become the artists - through the written word too.



We will continue the 'Catch Up Your Code' programme to learn, remember and practice all the sounds for spelling in English. This is a programme I mentioned to many of you at interviews. It is helping the tamariki to learn about how to spell the sounds that make up all words, rather than just spelling a word. We also still have maths in the afternoon using PR1ME and the children all have a maths class based on their learning needs. Some remain with me and others work in different classes.

REMINDER of our KNIGHTON WAY AND VALUES



Manawaroa, Tūrangawaewae, Auahatanga, Hauora,

Resilience,



Belonging,



Creativity, Well-being,



Respect,



Whakaute, Angitū

Success



Caring,



Goal-Setting,



Effort,



Problem Solving,



Persistence,



Thinking

EXTRA REMINDERS



- I use Class Dojo to share some of the great things that we are doing in the classroom and share messages. If you are not already linked to the Room 3 Class Dojo, please email me and I will send you a link via email. The site is safe, locked down and private and is only accessible to the people I share it with (our whānau). If you are unsure about having your child's photo or work shared on the site or have questions please come and talk with me or send me an email, hopefully I can alleviate any concerns people may have.
- The children all have a Google login, which is used at school. They are also able to access them from home. I have full access to their account to keep it all safe.
- To avoid office queues, and to ensure your **payments** are accounted for correctly, we encourage all families to pay school costs online through our Kindo shop. If you do not already have a Kindo account, go to www.mykindo.co.nz or via the link on our school website. There are no fees for Kindo payments unless you choose to use a credit card. Using a Kindo account is the most efficient way to pay - and you don't need to send any paper forms back to school, so nothing gets lost in school bags.
- Please help ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag every day, just in case they are needed after messy (but fun) play! This is especially important in the winter months.
- A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the school office for any **medication** administered at school. A consent form can be downloaded from our website or collected from the office. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- We would prefer if your children kept their **cell phones** at home. However, if they need to bring it to school, please understand that it is your child's responsibility. They are welcome to keep them in their teacher's desk drawer, however the teacher is not responsible for them.
- If your child is **late** please ensure they report straight to the Smiley Face door to get a late slip, even if they arrive just after the bell. If your child is **absent** please be sure to inform the school. Also remember, from 9:15 am the only unlocked entry into the school is the front gate on Knighton Road.
- The school term calendar will come home soon. If you are wanting to access this online, along with copies of the weekly newsletter sent home each Tuesday, please visit www.kns.ac.nz
- I actively check my emails and Class Dojo throughout the day so please email or message me with any questions, concerns, or sharing great things your children are doing, on nantoniadis@kns.ac.nz However if it is urgent it is best to contact the office and they will send a message to me, as sometimes I may not be able to check when I am with the tamariki.



Nga mihi nui e te whānau.

Hei konā mai rā, nā Nicole Antoniadis (Ms A or Whaea Nicole)