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Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome to Term 4! I know I say this every term, but another busy term is coming up! We have Kids on Bikes (Week 2), St John's First Aid (Week 3), Beach Education (Week 5), and Senior Fun Day (Week 8), not to mention all of our end-of-year assemblies towards the end of the term. My focus for the students for this term is to 'finish well.' I've said to them before that it doesn't matter how well you start the race, it matters how you finish it.

CLASS DOJO

We continue to use Class Dojo to communicate with parents and showcase our work in class. It's fantastic to see so many of you already connected. If you are not connected to Clasdojo yet and would like to be, please email me at dhannah@kns.ac.nz and I will send you a link.

LITERACY

We continue reading for pleasure with another class Read-Aloud that will see us through the term. We also shift our reading focus towards non-fiction texts so that we can build our science vocabulary for when we write scientifically with our *House of Science* kits.

SCIENCE

We will learn about the 'Nature of Science' through a couple of House of Science kits. These kits provide everything we need to develop our knowledge of energy and the way in which it transforms between states. This includes learning about springs, catapults, and slingshots.

MATHS

We continue with our cross-group maths classes as long as possible. Some classes are beginning their second PR1ME books. A \$10 payment will be requested as your child requires a new workbook. Maths cross grouping will continue into Week 8 with our last day being Friday, 1 December.

EVERYBODY COUNTS (HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION)

We will focus on beach safety through our swimming programme. This includes our Beach Education in Week 5. As well as this we will continue learning and developing our thinking, people, and movement skills across a range of sporting activities that involve striking with an implement (e.g. cricket, padder tennis, squash).

ALLERGIES

We have a number of students who have a range of allergies in our classroom including allergies to nuts. It is a critical time to remind ourselves to keep our lunch boxes nut-free. If you could support us by sending nut-free lunches (including no Nutella or hazelnut spreads, that would be greatly appreciated.

WHAT'S ON WHEN

SWIMMING: Weekly - Mondays and Thursdays

WEEK 2: KIDS ON BIKES (Wednesday 18th and Friday 20th of October)

Your child has the opportunity to develop bike safety skills over the course of Wednesday morning. On Friday, we celebrate our learning by heading down to the pump track and velodrome. Your child may bring their own bike or borrow one from school. All students must wear closed-toe shoes and a helmet. Please refer to the newsletter for more information.

WEEK 3: ST JOHN'S FIRST AID (Friday 27th of October)

Every two years we have the privilege of having the amazing educators from St John's come into school to take us through their training programme. It is age-appropriate and covers many skills including their 'Respond to an Emergency' and 'Clued-up Camper' learning modules.

WEEK 5: BEACH EDUCATION (Monday 6 November)

Beach Education is a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn about water safety at the beach. We will begin this in class and in the pool, before having the opportunity to travel to Raglan and meet with lifeguards who will lead our learning for the day. We get to tour the clubhouse, recap what we've done, play beach games, and finish with a swim in the ocean. We will be looking for parent help for the day. Students are transported out via bus (free of charge). Parents can carpool or meet us out at the Raglan clubhouse. More information will come home shortly.

WEEK 8: SENIOR FUN DAY (Wednesday 29th November)

This is in the process of being planned but often involves a morning of fun activities (such as movement activities, team challenges, swimming, etc.) followed by an afternoon of quieter activities (such as games, colouring in, dance, quizzes etc.) in the classroom.

END-OF-YEAR FORMALITIES

Week 9

Thursday 7th December, 9.30: Service to the School assembly

Thursday 7th December, 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm: Year 6 Disco

Week 10

Monday 11th December, 11.40: Sports, Culture, and Arts awards

Thursday 14th December, 11.40: Year 6 leavers assembly

REMINDERS

- **MEDICATION:** A reminder that a consent form must be filled in and left at the office for any medication administered at school. All medication remains in the office for safekeeping during the day.
- **CELL PHONES:** We prefer children to leave cell phones at home but understand that some children require a cell phone for safety reasons and to contact family members after school. Children must be responsible with their cell phones, using them appropriately and not during the school day.
- **HOMEWORK:** As long as your child is reading for about 20 minutes each night and working on learning or remembering their mathematics basic facts, I don't set extra homework. It would also be advisable to work on some maths basic facts knowledge.
- **SPARE CLOTHES:** Please ensure that your child has a spare pair of named clothing in their bag throughout the year. There are many times that they may become muddy, wet or need a change for some other reason.

As always, if you have any concerns at all, please touch base via email, Classdojo, or pop in and see me. It is important that we continue to work well together to make the end of the year the best we can for our children.

Kind Regards

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