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Akomanga 31

Kia ora e te whānau,

Nau mai, hoki mai ki te rūma 31! Welcome back to term 4.

Term 4 is another busy term with various exciting activities taking place.

This term provides an opportunity for our year 5 and 6 students to learn, understand and practise important skills and behaviours that will set them up for success as they become year 6 leaders or graduate to intermediate next year.

The Knighton Way

Our Knighton Way focus this term is 'Maiatanga/Confidence'.

Being confident means...

- I am enough as I am.
- I know who I am and where I come from.
- I honour my family history and where I come from.
- I know that being different is okay.
- I know my strengths and weaknesses.
- I learn from my mistakes.
- I do what is 'right' not what is popular.
- I think for myself - I am my own leader.
- I own my actions.
- I try to make things right when I mess up.



Classroom Programme



Te Reo Māori me ngā tikanga (Māori language and customs)

We continue to learn important customs, phrases and kupu (words) that will allow us to extend our daily use and normalisation of Māori language and customs.

Literacy

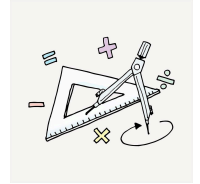
Our literacy programme continues to be adjusted to suit the different needs and abilities of A31 tamariki. We are focusing on a range of literacy skills that help us develop as authors. This term we will continue to focus on different ways we can structure sentences and paragraphs, working towards writing information reports about the experiments we will do in our science unit. As readers, we will focus on skimming and scanning to find key information in the text, and using that information to summarise the text in our own words.



Children will continue taking home a library book each week, so your support and encouragement to get them reading at home for 30 minutes each day will go a long way towards helping them develop as both a reader and a writer.

Mathematics

Cross-grouping continues this term. While all maths classes use Prime as a key resource, the focus in each class is different, so do take the time to ask your child about their learning. A great thing to do at home to help is to encourage your child to learn their times tables by heart.



Science

This term we will have a focus on science, with 2 House of Science kits. These kits will immerse students in learning about forensic science and how evidence is collected and used in criminal investigations, while also learning about how we can reduce our rubbish waste and look after our environment.

Year 6 Transitions and Year 5 Team-building

As part of a new initiative the year 6 students will have several workshops this term to support their transition to intermediate next year. In these workshops, students will explore specific resilience strategies, create a profile sheet about themselves to share with their new kaiako/teacher and get the opportunity to have questions answered by other students from Peachgrove and Berkley in small focus groups.

This time will give year 5 students the chance to work together in different settings, focusing on the Knighton Way (values and dispositions) and what makes a good team member and leader.

Swimming/Beach Education

Term 4 sees the return of weekly swimming on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is an important part of our programme and lots of fun. Your child will need to bring their togs and a towel each day that we swim, inside a waterproof bag. If your child is not swimming, please let me know either by email, Dojo or send a note to school.

There will be a focus on beach education towards the end of the term with a visit to the beach in week 8. This will be an exciting day to put into practice what we have learned and to enjoy the day together at the beach. Parent helpers will be vital to the success and enjoyment of this day, so please join us if you can.

Library Day - Monday

Swimming Days - Tuesdays and Thursdays

My Duty - Tuesday afternoon 2:55 pm-3:15 pm

Important Dates

- **Teacher Only Day** - 22 Whiringa-ā-rangi / November
- **Beach Visit** - 3 Hakihea / December
- **Last day of term** - 17 Hakihea / December

I am always available via email or Dojo, so don't hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi i tō āwhina

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