



# Junior & Middle Team News - Term 4 2018

Monday 15th October, 2018.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to school for Term 4. We hope you enjoyed your holiday break.

Outside play: Full brimmed sun hats are compulsory when children are outside during term 4. Please make sure your child has a sunhat in their bag each day.

<p>English</p>	<p>Written Language</p>	<p>Our focus is on writing poetic text, poetry and writing letters and emails.</p>
	<p>Reading</p>	<p>Our focus skills are visualisation and using a combination of strategies to answer questions about the text that they have read.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>Number  Strand</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number (multiplication/division/addition/subtraction)</li> <li>• Proportion and Ratios</li> <li>• Strand revision</li> <li>• Mathathon (November 15th- 16th)</li> </ul>
<p>Inquiry</p>	<p>Critical Thinking</p>	<p>Our inquiry this term is based on Health and is titled "How to keep ourselves safe in the sun". This will be a focus throughout the term and is well timed as we will begin swimming from Week 4 of this term.</p>
<p>PE  Fitness</p>	<p>Athletics skills, small ball skills, athletics sprint training, and swimming (from Week 4)  Skipping, Jump Jam and Zumba</p>	
<p>LEARN values/ Hauora</p>	<p><b>L</b>earning, <b>E</b>xcellence, <b>A</b>daptability, <b>R</b>espect and <b>N</b>urture - we will continue to focus on these skills.</p>	
<p>The Arts</p>	<p>Christmas concert, dance, maori and drama</p>	

## Assessment:

Each class will complete the following testing:

- Gloss/Jam
- Running records
- Basic facts
- Peter De Ath (from year 2).

Our children will be sharing their progress and achievement at Term 4's Student Led Conferences, where they will also receive their report.

## Special Events:

Wonkey Donkey: URGENT! We have been lucky enough to secure a last minute day with the author of the WORLD FAMOUS Wonkey Donkey children's book, Craig Smith. This will be very beneficial for ALL students at Karaka School. He will be doing a writing workshop with the seniors and a performance for the whole school from 1pm. This is taking place on *Thursday of Week 1* and a price of \$4 per child will apply. This money can be given to the classroom teacher or paid at the office.

Christmas Rotation - We will be having a christmas rotation of activities based around the theme of Christmas. The students will be placed in mixed age level groups and spend the best of two days rotating around all the arts and craft activities. This is one of the highlights of the year!

Big Day Out (Year 3/4) - Will be held on Monday the 10th December at Chosen Valley Camp (day camp). We have some very exciting activities planned for ALL children to enjoy. Children will need to earn their ticket to attend this day. Details of what to wear and bring along will be released at a later date.

Big Day In (Year 0/1/2) - This fun day will happen later in the term and more information will be released once details are confirmed.

## Calendar for Term 4:

Week 1: Thurs 18 Oct - Wonkey Donkey Show

Fri 19 Oct - Day in Lieu - School Closed

Week 2: Mon 22 Oct - Labour Day - School Closed

Fri 26 Oct - Kid's Marathon

Week 3: Tue 30 Oct - New Parent Evening 6pm

Thurs 1 Nov - Athletics Day, Halloween Disco

Fri 2 Nov - Powhiri, Whanau Hui

Week 4: Mon 5 Nov - Athletics Save Day

Week 5: Wed 14 Nov - PTA Meeting 7pm

Thurs 15th Nov- Kids 4 Kids Concert Telstra Clear Centre

Fri 16th Nov- Upper Jundles (Year 3/4) Sleepover

Week 7: Wed 28 Nov - Student Led Conferences, Reports home

Week 8: Wed 5 Dec - WeetBix Tryathlon, End of Year Concert

Fri 7 Dec - Top Team Day

Week 9: Mon 10 Dec - Yr3&4 Big Day Out

Tue 11 Dec - Prizegiving

Thurs 13 Dec - Last Day of School, 12pm finish

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions.

Kind regards

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