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Kahikatea

Term 2

Newsletter

May 2019

Welcome to the new school term!

New timetables have now been finalised and all programmes are underway for Kahikatea-Year 9 and 10 class.

Subjects for Term 2 are:

- Maths
- English
- Social Studies
- Science
- PE
- History
- Art
- Health
- Hard Technology

Bell times remain the same as previously and are as follows:

8.55am	Form time
9.00am	LB1
11.00am	Interval
11.20am	LB2
12.50pm	Lunch
1.30pm	LB3
3.00pm	Home time

We are delighted to announce the addition of a new teacher to our secondary team this term. Mr Chris Ralph is joining us after working in the primary area in Term 1. Mr Ralph will be teaching Kahikatea History as well as one English block. Chris is also taking Yr 7/8 Chinese and History as well as working with Canopy students.

As for familiar staff....

Niki Adams is Kahikatea's form teacher and main point of contact for parents (nadams@karamea.school.nz). I will be teaching the Science and Hard Materials programmes.

Brett Mawson will be the Totara or Yr 7/8 Homeroom teacher as well as taking Kahikatea for Maths and Art.

Vicky Chandler is with us part time. Miss Chandler will take Kahikatea for Social Studies, Health and P.E.

Ms Karlene Rainham will be working with the senior school.

Ms Rainham will take Kahikatea for English.

Ms Michelle Maiava is the Secondary team leader.

SECONDARY INFORMATION

While it is only Week 2, this term is already racing by and when I look at the calendar, there are so many opportunities ahead for our students. The time is definitely going to fly by.

Congratulations to those students who represented KAS at regional events during Term One – we received lots of positive reports about how well they represented our school. Thank you to all those parents that provided transport or support at those events as well. We are very proud of Jack Yr 9 and Julian's Yr 10 selection to attend the Area Schools' Nationals in Rotorua later this year.

We have had some staffing changes in both Primary and

Secondary Teams – big thank you to Whaea Tina for the Food Tech and Soft Tech lessons she took during Term 1. This term there are other new subjects on some students' timetables – a generic timetable is attached to this newsletter.

WELCOME to Chris Ralph who has now joined the Secondary Team. He is taking a myriad of classes and sharing his passion for history with our students.

ATTENDANCE: Thank you to the parents and caregivers who inform our school office immediately when their child is going to be absent due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances:

- phone school anytime as our absence message operates 24/7,
- email the school office kgrey@karamea.school.nz and your child's form teacher
- send a note via our SchoolStream app

It is also really important to inform the school and your child's Form Teacher of planned absences with as much notice as possible. If your child is planning to be absent from school for longer than 5 days, then a letter/email to the principal is required.

With unjustifiable absences (according to the MOE attendance codes), it is your child's responsibility to catch up on their missed classwork and this may be done at home or in their break time. If your child is not present for assessments,

teachers may not be able to offer further opportunities.

NOTE: Year 11 – 14 students have different assessment conditions under NCEA guidelines.

STUDENT WELLBEING:

During the winter months as the days become shorter and colder, it is important for your child's wellbeing to ensure healthy eating, rehydration and plenty of rest/sleep (are they getting uninterrupted sleep by turning their cell phones off?).

Looking forward to another great term ahead

Michelle Maiava

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Here is a little about what is happening in individual subjects

ENGLISH

English in Term Two is shaping up to be exciting for Kahikatea. Our Curriculum strand focus is Reading and within that characters will be explored. The over arching theme is survival and we are reading Hatchet, a very popular novel about a young thirteen year old surviving a plane crash, and his subsequent survival in the forests of Northern Canada. We will be having our own EOTC survival experience to link with the key ideas later in the term. Students will be given skills and a role play situation in our own native bush and will have some survival tasks to complete. Finding ways to link our learning with real

experiences and using our own unique surroundings enriches the learning for our students across all subjects and we look forward to another Big Day Out. The information and dates will be shared very soon. We are also deepening our understanding of character through Drama, and Mondays lessons will be combined with Totara and the learning will be through practical Drama skills. This will be team taught with Mr Mawson and Ms Rainham and is an exciting way to bring strengths and a practical understanding to our learning. This will also work to build self confidence and leads in nicely to our school speech competitions to be held on Wednesday June 3rd. Mr Ralph has joined the teaching team for English and will be supporting the programme on Thursdays. We look forward to seeing our student's progress. Please feel free to contact Ms Karlene Rainham if you have any questions.

Karlene Rainham

MATHS

This Term Kahikatea have started on their journey of deepening their understanding of patterns in Algebra. Moving forward the foci of the term is to revise Algebraic Equations and Expressions and then apply these to how algebra is used and interpreted when creating patterns, identifying relationships in patterns and how to graph these relationships.

Brett Mawson

ART

For the first 2-3 weeks Kahikatea will continue using textile inks to complete their covers for their footstools created in Technology.

As the term progresses students will start to use design elements and a range of practical skills to create 3 dimensional props and/or costumes for Term 3's production; Alice in Wonderland.

Brett Mawson

PE AND HEALTH

This term our PE and health programmes are very much intertwined. For health we are looking at influencing factors on sports participation and general wellness. Students are monitoring themselves on participation during PE and will be conducting an investigation into what factors positively and negatively influence students participation in sports and PE at KAS and what we can do to encourage participation levels. On Mondays we have a joined PE class with the year -8 class in which we are exploring a variety of activities and year 9-10s have some leadership opportunities with sharing expertise in their areas of sporting interest.

During Kahikatea's individual PE lessons we are focusing on skills development with badminton as the context. Throughout all PE lessons students are monitoring and assessing their own and others effort and participation levels and identifying what the

influencing factors are for any given activity.

Vicky Chandler

SCIENCE

Science this term will largely focus on the science fair projects. Science fair is a time when students can form their own question to study with the support and resourcing of the science department. The local competition will be at Buller High school at the end of this term with the best projects going through to the West Coast science fair at Greymouth High School in the second week of term 3.

Niki Adams

SOCIAL STUDIES

Due to the jam-packed nature of last term, students' have spent the first 2 weeks completing their term 1 surfing unit to a suitable standard. It is a culmination of the integrated PE and Social Studies unit and the presentations are looking fantastic.

The rest of this term we will be investigating NZ's migration history which will run alongside the history lessons they have already begun on NZ first encounters.

We will be looking at push and pull factors for emigration and migration and exploring NZ's rich multicultural population. You can expect questions from your children regarding your own families national and global movements.

Vicky Chandler

JUNIOR HISTORY

For this term (2), the level 5/6 History class are looking at the theme of "First Encounters". This theme is concerned with the fact that it was 250 years since Captain James Cook first arrived here in this country. Whilst learning 'History skills' we will also explore some very colourful New Zealand History personalities – both European and Maori; and we will look at how they interacted with each other.

Chris Ralph

HARD MATERIALS

Kahikatea will be finishing their upholstered foot stools early this term. Our next project will be working with Pewter. Pewter is an alloy with a low melting point which makes it ideal for casting. The students will form a design, cut it out of MDF to make a mold then pour molten pewter into it. Once cooled the pewter can be worked with hand tools and sandpaper to create a beautiful piece of jewellery or a key ring.

Niki Adams

DATES FOR THIS TERM:

14 th May	WCSS Boys' Football Tournament, Reefton
15 th May	School Cross Country BOT meeting
16 th May	Playhouse Theatre visit
24 th May	BOT elections Nominations close
27 th May	St Johns with Years 1 – 10
31 st May	SECONDARY REPORTS GO HOME
7 th June	Voting closes BOT Elections
12 th June	WCSS Swimming sports
Big Art Tour TBC	
17 th June	Secondary EOTC Survival Day TBC
19 th June	Yrs 11 – 13 Careers Pathways Roadshow, Westport
	BOT meeting
1 st – 5 th July	Literacy Week
3 rd July	Speeches TBC
5 th July	Last day of term

If you have any concerns or queries about things happening within the classrooms please contact the appropriate teacher first and foremost.

We strive for positive communication between school, students and whanau so we are always happy to make an appointment to meet with parents and caregivers as needed.

Thanks for reading the Kahikatea class newsletter. We are expecting wonderful achievements this year and will be sending out updates and newsletters every term.

Please see attached Kahikatea weekly timetable.

We look forward to meeting with you throughout the year. Be sure to introduce yourselves to our new staff if you see them out and about!

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or concerns.

The Secondary Team

OTHER INFORMATION

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CLASS TIMETABLE

KAHIKATEA – YEARS 9 & 10 (NA – Room 5)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Form time (8.55-9am)	KAHIKATEA – ROOM 5	KAHIKATEA – ROOM 5	KAHIKATEA – ROOM 5	KAHIKATEA – ROOM 5	KAHIKATEA – ROOM 5
LB1 A (9-10am)	SCIENCE (NA) in Lab	MATHS (BM) in Room 5	ENGLISH (KR) in Room 7	MATHS (BM) in Room 5	SCIENCE (NA) in Lab
LB1 B (10-11am)	MATHS (BM) in Room 5	HEALTH (VC) in Room 5	MATHS (BM) in Room 5	ENGLISH (CR) in Room 7	SCIENCE (NA) in Lab
<i>Interval</i> (11-11.20am)					
LB2 (11.20-12.50pm)	P.E. (VC) in Room 5	ENGLISH (KR) in Room 7	P.E. (VC) in Room 5	TECHNOLOGY (NA) in Hard Materials Room	NEW ZEALAND HISTORY (CR) in Room 7
<i>Lunch</i> (12.50-1.30pm)					
LB3 (1.30-3pm)	7 – 10 DRAMA (KR & BM) in Room 4	SOCIAL STUDIES (VC) in Room 6	SOCIAL STUDIES (VC) in Room 6	ART (BM) in Art Room	TECHNOLOGY (NA) in Hard Materials Room
	2.30pm PB4L OR 2.15pm Celebration Assembly - LIBRARY				
NOTES: NA = Niki Adams, BM = Brett Mawson, KR = Karlene Rainham, VC = Vicky Chandler, CR = Chris Ralph					