

WELCOME TO TERM 3 2019

NIKAU NEWSLETTER



We have a busy and exciting Term 3 coming up.

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 4 - Maths Week: This is a week focussing on hands on fun Mathematics.

Week 8 - School Production: Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th September.

Performances are in the evening. Book your tickets at the office early as seating will be limited.

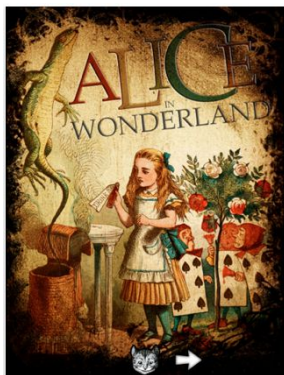
Week 9 - Conservation Week: 14 - 22 September.

NEW ENROLMENTS

We have a number of new enrolments starting in our class over the next 6 weeks. We look forward to having them in our class, getting to know them and the talents they bring. In Week One we welcomed Amelia and Robbie, and Kyle has started morning visits.



LITERACY



In the first half of this term we will focus on Fairy Tales which will link to our school production. We will write creatively and with lots of imagination. In the second half of the term our writing will be linked in with science through Conservation Week inquiry. When we start this inquiry our writing will be based on experiences outside the classroom as much as possible so they have hands on experiences to write about.

LIBRARY & READING

Students will visit the library and exchange books every **Tuesday**. On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday children will bring home readers. Please listen to them read and sign the reading log. Every page they fill gets them a prize from the prize box. Children really look forward to this.

MATHEMATICS

In Mathematics we will be looking at Measurement (length, area, weight, temperature, volume). The younger ones will do this with non-standard units eg measuring in steps, with blocks, or hands. Older children will be using rulers and looking at centimetres and metres. We will also be looking at shapes. The underlying theme of number will go throughout the whole term.



SPORT

In PE and sport, we will focus on Large Ball Skills; passing, throwing and catching, and teamwork. Jordan from Sport Tasman will be coming out to teach specific skills and drills to develop movement and coordination every **Friday**. Please ensure your child has **sneakers and sports clothing** on these days.



THE ARTS

The Arts (drama, singing, dancing, stage performance and art) will be based around the school production, Alice in Wonderland. While Nikau students do not have speaking roles they will be involved as the Queen's soldiers. We are looking forward to making costumes and joining in rehearsals.

MAORI

In Maori we will focus on numbers, both learning the names of them and adding numbers together (up to 12).

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

Primary classes will be revisiting the values from the KATE cards during our PB4L times and students will be engaged in workshopping what each of our values means and looks like, both within the classroom and outside in the playground.

ABBY WILL BE TEACHING ON TUESDAYS

I will have a leadership release day every Tuesday which means I am out of the classroom. Abby, a qualified teacher, will be teaching our Nikau class each Tuesday, along with Jill our very capable TA. Jill will be working with the children every day in the morning and from the 5th August she will also assist in the afternoons.

MY CONTACT DETAILS

If you would like to see or contact me for any reason, or want to have an informal chat I am happy to see you in person at any time before or after school (although a heads up and an arranged time for bigger concerns is helpful). I am at school from 7:30 - 5:00pm. My email address is hmoorhouse@karamea.school.nz and my phone number is 0274993217. Please be aware that I do not look at my phone between 8:00 and 3:00 pm because this is a busy hands on age group and I simply don't get

time, so if something urgent comes up in class hours please call the office as I can guarantee the information will get to me.

Best wishes

Hannah Moorhouse

