

**Kauri Team Newsletter**  
**Long Bay Primary**  
**Term Two 2021**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school! We hope that you have had a lovely holiday. We have a busy, interesting term planned so we trust that everyone is refreshed and ready to take on some challenges.

**Learning**

This week, we are finishing off our Science Unit on floating and sinking.

We are then moving on to the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme, which is run in conjunction with the NZ Police. There is a parent information session at 2pm on Monday 10 May at 2pm to explain the content of this important topic. A notice will be coming home shortly with more information.

Later in the term we will be participating in the Foodstuffs programme called Food for Thought, including visiting Long Bay New World on Thursday 1 July. This programme helps children to make informed choices about food, through ingredients label reading and budgeting skills. We will be learning te reo Māori vocabulary around food and prepare for our Matariki celebrations on Friday 2 July.

In maths, we will be finishing off learning about addition and subtraction strategies, then move into multiplication and division strategies. It is really important that children learn their times tables in Year 6. This can be challenging for some children, but they can get there, given enough practise. A quick google search for free online times tables game generates many options for students. Maths Whizz also allows practise. We teach them in the following order - ones, twos, tens, fives; threes and fours; sixes and sevens; eights and nines.

In PE, we will be practising our throwing and catching skills, especially with small balls. We will also be learning some hockey skills. In addition, we will be preparing for the school cross-country.

**The School Day**

The classrooms are open at 8:30 am. Kelly Club is available to provide before and after school care for a fee. Lessons begin at 8:55 am. If your child arrives after the 8:55 bell, they must report to the office to get a late pass for school. The school day finishes at 2:55 pm.

**Home Learning**

Students will be given home learning activities each week. This may involve completing Maths Whizz progressions, learning spelling words and reading daily. Students will also be expected to practise any unknown multiplication and division facts. Some students will occasionally be expected to prepare a presentation at home or other tasks. Please note that home learning will only be marked if it is handed in on the day that it is due. Students will be given reward stickers for completing this work on time.

**Electronic Devices**

No electronic devices are to be sent to school, including e-readers. If a student brings a cell phone to school, it must be left at the office during the school day.

**Uniform / Equipment**

Students should be wearing our school uniform with pride. It is important that the correct uniform is worn however we do understand that there may be times when it is necessary for non-regulation items to be worn. An explanatory note would be appreciated.

Please ensure that all clothing and classroom stationery are clearly labelled. You might need to check that labels are still able to be read, especially on clothing items which are washed frequently. Students are expected to take responsibility for looking after their possessions. Please check in with your child that they still have all the stationery that they need for school as there are a number of students who no longer have specific items (e.g. a blue pen, a ruler, etc).

The shoes that your child wears to school need to be suitable for sports activities. All children need to wear shoes to and from school.

Students who travel to school by scooter or bike need to have signed permission (forms can be collected from the office). All bike and scooter riders must wear a helmet. For the safety of all, students need to push their bike or scooter into the school grounds and put it into the rack by the office immediately.

### **Money**

Students should not bring money to school unless it is requested by the teacher/school. Any money sent to school needs to be clearly labelled with your child's name, room number and the purpose, in an envelope. Many payments will now be able to be made through the LBP Shop, which can be found on the school website.

### **Communication**

If you would like to talk to your child's teacher about any matter, please email the teacher concerned. They can then either address the matter through email or arrange a suitable time for a 'Google Meet', if required. Unless urgent, we will endeavour to reply by the end of the following working day. Teachers seldom check their emails during the day while they are teaching, so any urgent messages for your child need to go through the school office please. Please read the fortnightly newsletter. Families who don't read it miss out on important school information meaning that their children can miss out on opportunities.

### **Term 2 Events**

3/5	Term start
5/5	World maths day
10/5	Mahuika show
Weeks 3&4	Harbour hockey
21/5	Pink Shirt Day (anti-bullying)
3/6	Rippa tournament
4/6	TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS
7/6	Queen's bday - SCHOOL CLOSED
9/6	Senior cross country (save 15/6)
16/6	Northern Bays performing arts
23/6	Netball field day
30/6	Cluster cross-country
1/7	Trip to New World for Food for Thought programme
2/7	MATARIKI FESTIVAL
7/7	Mid year learning conference evening
9/7	Last day of term



Kind regards,

The Kauri Team Teachers - Ms Miranda Kelly (Team Leader), Mr John Keoghan, Mrs Nikki Douglas, Mr Mark Wallace.