

Kauri Team Newsletter
Long Bay Primary
Term Three 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a relaxing break. We have an exciting term planned and we can't wait to get started!

Learning

Our major focus for this term is preparing for our school production, 'Jukebox Drama' on **Wednesday 1 September** at the Bruce Mason Centre in Takapuna. **Please keep that evening free.** Now is also the time to start putting together the items requested for your class costumes. Each teacher will let you know what is needed. This fits in well with our school value of creativity / auahatanga, which we are exploring in various ways throughout the term.

In English, students will be learning about persuasive speaking and writing through speech writing. Most of this work is to be done during class, but students may have specific tasks to complete at home. We will also be exploring reading skills through a range of text types. In maths, we will revisit our addition and subtraction strategies, then we will be enhancing our fractions, proportions and ratio problem solving strategies.

In science, we will be looking at volcanoes, particularly as they pertain to the formation of the whenua (landforms) of the Hauraki Gulf. If you have the chance to take your child to any of the volcanoes in the region this term, it would really add to their learning experience. We will be looking at the volcanoes during our trip to the Sky Tower on 13 August. We will also be creating the Hauraki Gulf in Minecraft and retelling legends through green-screen movie making.

The School Day

The classrooms are open at 8:30 am. There is no supervision for children who arrive earlier than this. 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 1000 points of Mathletics, 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 allocated house points and 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 to 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 3 Events

Tuesday 3 August	Rippa rugby tournament
Friday 6 August	Mufti day (gold coin donation) and Pie day
Monday 9 August	Year 6 visit to Northcross
Friday 13 August	Kauri trip to Sky Tower and RNZ Ballet
Wednesday 18 August	Winter sports day at Kristen for selected students
Friday 20 August	Hockey tournament at Pinehurst for selected students
Thursday 26 August	Otago Problem solving challenge
Wednesday 1 September	'Juke Box Drama' rehearsal at BMC all day. Evening Performance.
Thursday 2 September	Rippa rugby tournament
Thursday 9 September	Team and sport group photos
Friday 10 September	Football cluster tournament
Monday 13 September	Friday 17 September Maori Language Week
Monday 13 September	Cricket cluster day
Wednesday 22 September	Parent information evening for camp
Friday 24 September	Mud Run
Thursday 30 September	Last day of term for students
Friday 1 October	Teacher Only Day

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Wed 27 - Fri 29 October YEAR 6 CAMP

Kind regards,

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