

**Kauri Team Newsletter**  
**Long Bay Primary**  
**Term One 2024**

Dear Whānau,

A warm welcome back to school - we hope you are as happy to be back as we are! We welcome new students to the school and trust we will all help them to make friends and settle quickly into their new school and classrooms.

This year, the Kauri Team will consist of four Year 5/6 classes. These are Room 12 with Mrs Hohaia, Room 13 with Mr Mark Wallace, Room 14 with Ms Miranda Kelly, and Room 15 with Mrs Walker-Bell. Mr John Keoghan will also be in Room 14 half a day per week while Ms Kelly works on leadership projects for the team and school.

Students are encouraged to try out new activities and extracurricular activities. These groups include music (choir, orchestra, learning instruments), sports (basketball, flippaball, cricket, football, netball, hockey, badminton), as well as sign language club, Kaitiaki Kakariki, Pacific cultures group, chess club, writer's group and more.

There are also many opportunities for Year 5 and 6 students to take on leadership roles and contribute to the school community with monitor responsibilities such as office duties, wet day monitors, librarians and sports monitors. This year we will also be adding House Leaders and some other new opportunities, so we hope we get some enthusiastic students who want to help out in these roles.

### **Learning**

Initially our focus will be on getting to know the students and getting them used to our classroom routines. Our first inquiry topic this term explores the qualities and behaviours of an effective learner, how to use self-assessment to improve our work and the difference between fixed and growth mindsets. We will be exploring who we are and human migration and our own family history around being in New Zealand.

In maths, we will work on addition and subtraction strategies, measurement and statistics. Families can support their children with revising the times tables and related division facts.

In physical education, our focus is building cooperative skills within sports. We will be exploring how to strategise with other people to improve the chances of scoring points or completing tasks together. We will also be playing various games to improve eye-hand coordination.

The Waterwise programme will also run for those Year 6 students who pass set criteria. The children participating in Waterwise learn to sail, kayak and snorkel safely in the marine environment. We truly appreciate the help given by parents to ensure that the Waterwise programme is able to run. If your child is in Year 6, [please sign up your child on the Long Bay Primary Shop \(mykindo\)](#) by **Friday 9 February** as the teacher in charge (Mark Wallace) needs the information early in order to plan effectively for the diverse needs of the group. The water safety day is on Thursday 15 February and our first session at the beach is on Thursday 22 February. As always, this cannot happen without parent helpers - we are so grateful to those who volunteer to help out, even for one session.

Year 5 students will be participating in swimming lessons at the Northern Arena during weeks 5 and 6. They will need to bring their equipment every day during that time and families will need to sign them up via the [Long Bay Primary shop](#).

### **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. 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, 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.

We look forward to working with you and your child this year.  
Kind regards,

The Kauri Team Teachers

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## Key Dates

<b>Week 1</b>	29 Jan Auckland Ann	30 Jan School starts	31 Jan 1pm Mihi Whakatau - A formal welcome to our new families	1 Feb	2 Feb
<b>Week 2</b>	5 Feb	6 Feb Waitangi Day - no school	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb
<b>Week 3</b>	12 Feb Meet the Teachers (See the newsletter for more information)	13 Feb PTA Meeting	14 Feb	15 Feb All Year 6s: Waterwise preparation day at Millennium Bring: 2 towels, togs, swimming cap (optional), water bottle, big lunch	16 Feb Family Picnic evening (PTA event) (See the newsletter for more information)
<b>Week 4</b>	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb Year 6 Waterwise	23 Feb
<b>Week 5</b>	26 Feb Y5 and selected Y6 swimming lessons at Northern Arena	27 Feb Y5 and selected Y6 swimming lessons at Northern Arena	28 Feb Y5 and selected Y6 swimming lessons at Northern Arena	29 Feb Y5 and selected Y6 swimming lessons at Northern Arena Year 6 Waterwise	1 March Y5 and selected Y6 swimming lessons at Northern Arena
<b>Week 6</b>	4 March Y5 and selected Y6 swimming lessons at Northern Arena	5 March Y5 and selected Y6 swimming lessons at Northern Arena / Year 5 Camp Parent Information Evening 6.30pm online	6 March Y5 and selected Y6 swimming lessons at Northern Arena	7 March Y5 and selected Y6 swimming lessons at Northern Arena / Year 6 Waterwise	8 March School Swimming Sports at Northern Arena ALL STUDENTS
<b>Week 7</b>	11 March Clued Up Camper with St John Rippa Activation	12 March Clued Up Camper with St John	13 March	14 March Year 6 Waterwise	15 March
<b>Week 8</b>	18 March Rippa Activation	19 March Year 5 Camp Parent Helper Meeting 6.30-7.30 pm in Staffroom	20 March	21 March Life Ed Year 6 Waterwise	22 March Life Ed
<b>Week 9</b>	25 March Life Ed / Rippa Activation	26 March Life Ed	27 March Life Ed	28 March Teacher only day	29 March Good Friday
<b>Week 10</b>	1 April Easter Monday	2 April Easter Tuesday	3 April Life Ed	4 April Life Ed / Year 6 Waterwise (Final)	5 April Life Ed / Ice Block Day
<b>Week 11</b>	8 April Year 5 camp (Kauri)	9 April Year 5 camp (Kauri)	10 April Year 5 camp (Kauri and Totara)	11 April Year 5 camp (Totara)	12 April Year 5 camp (Totara) End of Term