

Kia ora koutou and welcome back!

We hope everyone had a fantastic, restful break after such a busy Term 3. We are so excited to jump straight into Term 4, full of awesome learning experiences and new challenges for our Year 3 team.

Curriculum

In Term 4, we'll keep building on our refreshed curriculum through daily learning, while helping our students grow into confident learners ready for Year 4.



Inquiry

This term, our learning will centre around financial literacy through an exciting real-world theme: exploring what it really costs to own a pet! Students will investigate budget planning, ongoing expenses, and responsible decision-making as they calculate everything from food and vet care to toys and shelter, building practical maths and life skills along the way.

To bring this unit to life, we are thrilled to welcome ZooVentures to our Year 3 classes for a special hands-on incursion!

Students will get up close with a variety of reptiles and small exotic pets while discovering what it takes to care for them properly. A key aspect of the visit centres on kindness, care, and respectful behaviour towards animals, complementing our discussions around the real-world responsibilities of pet ownership.

This experience is funded through the activity fee. Thank you to all the families who have already paid this through Kindo!

Keep an eye out for photos in upcoming updates as our akonga explore the living world of pets!



Home Learning

A quick home learning reminder: we don't set formal homework, but 20 minutes of daily reading and a some basic facts practise each evening go a long way in supporting your child's learning. We've seen a huge boost in student confidence thanks to our recent times tables focus, and your wonderful support at home. Continue to choose whatever practise style suits them best.

Here are some other useful links you may want to use at home with your child:

- Reading- <https://thebookshelf.co.nz/>
- Hit the Button (basic facts, multiplication, and division practise)
- Daily 10 (quick-fire number activities)
- Ministry of Education maths practise- <https://nzc-maths-practice.nz/>

School Essentials



Uniform

- **Label everything:** Please ensure all clothing is clearly named, especially fleeces and raincoats.
- **School hats:** As the weather warms up, named school hats are essential for outdoor play. Feel free to leave your child's hat at school during the term to avoid it being forgotten.
- **Uniform Policy:** Please take a moment to review our school policy to help keep our students looking smart.



Communication

For any communication that requires action during school hours, such as collecting your child early, please contact the school office directly. Reminders will be sent out via Seesaw, while all other notices will be shared by email or sent home as a hard copy. Please feel free to get in touch with your classroom teacher using the emails below.

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