

Term 4 Newsletter

Year 2, 2026

Welcome back to term 4. We have had a busy year with a lot of learning and are looking forward to a focused but fun last term of the year.



Curriculum



Social Sciences

This term there are two social sciences areas that we are teaching about. The first has an economic focus, which looks at the difference between needs and wants and how that money is a limited resource so choices about what we buy need to be made. This combines with the maths curriculum where we are looking at the different notes and coins we have in New Zealand and how to add different notes and coins together.

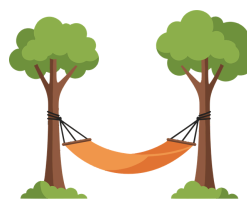
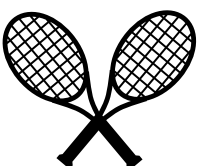
We then move to learning about weather hazards. The children will learn basic weather words (like sun, rain, snow, hot, and cold) and how local conditions shift across New Zealand's seasons, regions, and higher altitudes. They will also explore how rainwater moves across land and understand the hazards of severe weather—such as flooding, icy roads, and heat risks—so they can plan safe outdoor travel and dress appropriately.

To finish the term, we have a health curriculum focus. Children will explore how sleep, nutrition, and physical activity work together to support their growing bodies, energy levels, and immune systems. They will also learn simple self-care skills—like managing emotions through slow breathing, recognizing how their feelings influence self-image, and understanding household safety around medicines and cleaning products.

The physical education curriculum for Year 2 has changed from athletics skills to team games. To cover this change, we have the Kelly Sports team coming in each Friday from weeks 1 to 6. They will be working with each class, teaching the skills needed to play net and wall games, invasion games, and striking and fielding games.

Finally, in the last week of the term, we have the Conscious Kids team coming in to work on our education outside the classroom learning skills.

The cost of both Kelly Sports and Conscious Kids will be coming out of the activity fee budget, so if you haven't paid this yet and are able to pay it, it would be appreciated if you could do this as soon as possible.



Support at Home

Please continue practising Heart words for spelling and reading if your child is still receiving these. The parent portal for Year 2 students now has more ideas for supporting your child at home. You can find these at:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal/guide-for-the-new-zealand-curriculum-years-0-to-8/year-2-new-zealand-curriculum/mathematics-and-statistics-in-year-2>

A big thank you for working with your child to learn their basic facts and multiplication and division facts in mathematics. We are definitely noticing the children getting a lot faster with their recall of these. A couple of good websites to help reinforce the memorisation of these facts are:

Daily 10 - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

Hit the Button - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

General Housekeeping

Tissues/Illness

Hopefully we are over the worst of the cold and flu season but if your child is unwell, please keep them home until they have recovered.

Uniform

Please ensure that all pieces of clothing are clearly named, including sweatshirts and raincoats. A reminder that all pants, skirts, skorts, and long-sleeved polos are plain navy only. During term 4 hats are compulsory when playing outside.

Communication

For all communication that needs action during school hours, please contact the office, for example, if you need to collect your child early. Notices will be sent to you via email, or your child will bring home a hard copy. Any medications that your child needs during the school day should be returned to the office on the first day of school. If your child is taking any new medications, please let their class teacher or the office know.

Drop-off and Pick-Up

Thank you for dropping off your children before the 8.45 bell and for your quick goodbyes. This has ensured that the children are settled and ready for learning when the 8.55 bell goes.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Year 2 team - Fran Morrison, Kathryn Leader, Lucy Zheng and Steph Sussex