



## **Year 4 Syndicate Newsletter**

### **Term 2 2021**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We hope that you have enjoyed the holidays with your family and would like to welcome you back to term 2. We are all looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

#### **Inquiry**

Our school-wide inquiry concept for this term is 'Sharing the Planet'. Our focus in Year 4 will be on 'How is nature protected?' The children have opted into inquiry groups that will focus on different areas of nature conservation, these include:

- Water - oceans & freshwater
- Rainforests
- Endangered animals around the world
- Animals and habitats in New Zealand

As part of our inquiry, we will also be visiting Auckland Zoo on Tuesday 22nd June. We will provide more information about this trip later in the term.

#### **Matariki**

We will be learning about Matariki in week 9. Over the week we will be having a rotation of activities across the Year 4 classes. We will post some pictures of the children's activities on Seesaw, however, there will not be a specific day for families to participate in these Matariki activities, instead, we are inviting families to join us on our special Whanau Day.

#### **Whanau Day**

On Friday 28th May, we will be having our school Whanau Day. This will be an open afternoon, celebrating the different cultures of our school family. Parents are welcome to attend and do activities in class with their children. More information on this will follow closer to the time.

#### **Uniform**

Please ensure that all pieces of your child's clothing are clearly named, including sweatshirts and raincoats. Children do not need to wear their hats this term. If you require further information about our school uniform/how to order items please visit our school website - [school uniforms](#).

#### **Fitness and PE**

Every day the children take part in 10-15 minutes of fitness followed by a water and fruit break. This term we will be practising for cross-country and your child will need suitable running shoes to train in. The Year 4's will be participating in our school Cross-Country event at Wainoni Park on Tuesday 1st June (rain saver day - Thursday 3rd June). Families are welcome to join us for this event, more information will follow closer to the time.

**Important Dates:**

**Friday 28th May - Whanau day**

**Tuesday 1st June - Cross Country**

**Thursday 3rd June - Saver day Cross Country**

**Monday 7th June - Queen's birthday**

**Tuesday 8th June - Teacher only day**

**Friday 11th June - Disco**

**Tuesday 22nd June - Auckland Zoo Trip**

**Monday 28th June - Teacher only day**

**Wednesday 7th July - Parent Interviews**

**Thursday 8th July - Parent Interviews**

Year 4 Teachers