

YEAR 7/8 KAURI TEAM NEWSLETTER TERM TWO 2012

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What fantastic weather we had in the holidays. Hopefully you were able to get out and enjoy it.

Term 1 went past very quickly. There were many positive experiences with Makahika Camp being one of the highlights for the students and us. To see the students challenged by the activities, giving them a go and succeeding was fantastic. A special thanks to the parents that supported us by either staying with us for the week and/or transporting us there and back.

WEARABLE ARTS

This term the focus is on the Arts with our Wearable Art topic. In this unit we will design and construct a piece of wearable art to showcase in a performance at the end of term. The significant questions we will be aiming to answer are- What is wearable art? What is the difference between a costume and wearable art? What skills and techniques are needed to create a piece of wearable art? What materials would be suitable to use for our design? What may be our limitations?

Mathematics:

We are continuing with addition and subtraction for two weeks before moving onto Geometry and Measurement before starting Multiplication and Division.

English: This term we are looking at Poetry and Procedural Writing. In reading we are working on a Novel Study.

Physical Education: The sports we are involved with this term are volleyball and cross country. Later in the term we will be looking at developing skills for the upcoming winter sports.

MELBOURNE EXCHANGE

Thank you for the student applications that we have already received. Applications for this fantastic 10th anniversary experience close on **Friday May 11** so if you need the information and application forms please go to the office to pick them up.

READATHON

Please read all the information that is coming home regarding the Readathon that is happening at school over the next three weeks. This is a great way to encourage your child to read regularly at home. Sharing a book with your child is a positive way to encourage their interest and enjoyment in books.

KAURI SYNDICATE BLOG

The kauri team teachers have established a blog accessible through the school website (www.kenakena.school.nz) so you can keep up to date with what is happening with the Year 7 and 8 students. The latest Homework will be on there as well as upcoming events and important information. Please check it regularly as it is another way to keep fully informed with what we are up to.

DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS: Watch the school newsletter for updates!

- Thursday May 3 School Cross Country
- Monday May 7 Graham Braddock Art classes
- Tuesday May 8 Book Week Mastermind Quiz Heat
- Friday May 11 Melbourne applications due
- Tuesday May 15 Interschool cross country
- Monday June 4 Queen's Birthday holiday
- Friday June 29 Term 2 ends

If you have any questions, queries or comments please approach your child's classroom teacher and we will be happy to discuss any issues with you.

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