



Nīkau Syndicate Newsletter - Term 4 2022

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 4! This is an exciting and busy term for both teachers and students so I wanted to give you an outline of all things we have planned for our final term together.

Zoo Sleepover

Our Zoo Trip is now only a few weeks away. This trip has also formed the basis of our theme; looking closely at animal behaviour and habitats. Students will be researching animals of their choice and writing reports, completing art tasks and getting involved in different science based learning experiences.

Athletics

Our athletics programme usually happens in Term 1 but because of the COVID rules around groups we decided to move it into this term. We will have a junior athletics day (Years 2-4) at Adventure Park on Friday December 2nd with postponement dates the following week. As usual we will spend some time teaching the skills required to participate in the events we will run on the day.

Fort Building

This activity has become a favourite of our students and has now become an annual event that the students in Nīkau look forward to. Students work in groups to create a fort which they then spend time playing board games in their completed structure. This will take place during week 8 - starting Monday 5th December. Classroom teachers will decide on the days that suit them during this week and will send out detailed information about what materials may be needed for this.

Aotea Lagoon

This year we have decided to take our water fun day down to Aotea Lagoon. We will enjoy lunch together picnic style and make use of the playground and splash pad. We already have our fingers crossed for the sun to shine on Tuesday 13 December, but we have the following two days as postponement if needed. There will be no cost for this as we will seek parent help with transport nearer the time.

Christmas Crafts

We are hoping to make snow globes as part of our countdown to Christmas. To do this we need a glass jar per student, so if you have any that you are happy to give away, please send them our way.

Secret Santa

Our students are also very keen to keep this tradition alive. Each class teacher will send a note home outlining the procedure and the student your child will buy for. The maximum amount spent is \$10. This is not compulsory and students can choose not to take part.

Ngā Mihi

Toni-Marie Bennett
On behalf of Nīkau Syndicate