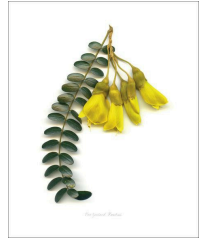


Kōwhai Newsletter - Term Two, 2024



READING TO YOUR CHILD WILL CHANGE THEIR LIFE

You will help to develop your child's literacy & communication skills, as well as to stimulate their brain development.



Did you know...

77%

of people with average or higher literacy skills earn a high income. They are more likely to be employed in professional positions.



Reading for pleasure is a better indicator of a child's performance at school than their socio-economic background.

We can not believe that we are already one term down for the year. This term will see many New Entrants joining Kōwhai and Rebecca St. Clair will start a roll growth class in Room 10.

What is happening this term?

Cross Country: Our whole school cross country is on Friday the 24th May. Whānau and friends are welcome! We will be doing some endurance running practice during the four weeks leading up to this event. Please ensure your child wears trainers to run in.

Arts Rotation: This term we will continue our arts rotation involving visual art, drama, dance and music. All Kōwhai classes will have several sessions in each area of the Arts Curriculum.

Samoa Language Week: Samoa Language week is the week of Monday the 27th May. If you think you may have something to share with our students, please get in contact with your child's classroom teacher. We would absolutely love some whānau to share about their Samoan culture with us.

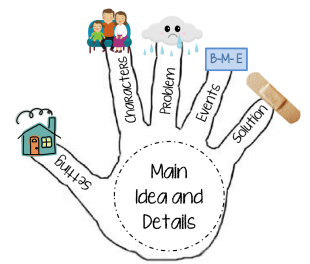
Fairytales: Throughout the term, a Fairytale theme will be integrated into reading, writing and drama for Rooms 13, 14 and 15. The children will extend their understanding of narratives with a focus on characters, settings, and the problem/solution in each story.

Science and Technology: Rooms 13, 14 and 15 are also going to explore space as part of Collaborative Play/Self-Directed Learning. The children will learn about the sun, moon, planets and night and day. Later in the term Room 8, 9 and 10 will be identifying and exploring simple machines that they see and use in everyday life such as wheels, stairs, ramps, nails, screws, scissors, knives, doorknobs, doorhandles and pulleys linking to the Technology Curriculum.

Adventure Way:

Rooms 8, 9 and 10 will focus on Self-awareness and Collaboration. They will specifically learn about risk-taking, managing feelings of frustration and disappointment, and how to join a group.

Rooms 13, 14 and 15 will also focus on collaboration and their other focus is curiosity. The children will be supported to extend their questioning skills and pose I wonder questions.



Kind regards,

The Kōwhai team