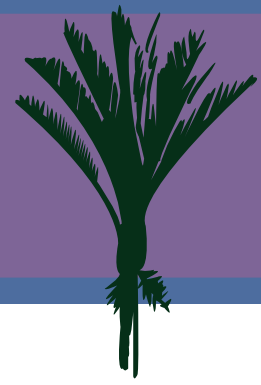


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## term 2 newsletter



Welcome back!

It's wonderful to see everyone refreshed and ready for a busy Term 2. We have a packed curriculum ahead.

We are continuing to focus on animals as we prepare for our big Zoo Trip in November! This term, we will be classifying different species and learning about the special adaptations that help them survive in their unique habitats. We will specifically explore the characteristics of:

- **Reptiles:** Scaly skins and cold-blooded wonders.
- **Birds:** From feathers to flight patterns.
- **Amphibians:** Life on land and in the water.
- **Fish:** Exploring the depths of aquatic life.



This will be integrated into our reading and writing which will be filled with animal-themed research, factual reports, and creative storytelling. This all builds toward our Design Challenge, where students will use their knowledge of adaptations and habitats to design their own unique animal. Our art sessions will also follow our animal theme, where we will explore a variety of different media. We are starting with paper techniques, specifically focusing on the precision of origami and the textures of collage to bring our creatures to life.

For the first two weeks of the term, we are lucky to have the Life Education Bus visiting us! The students will be focusing on Friendships—exploring what it means to be a good friend and how to build a positive community. These important social skills will remain a core focus for us throughout the entire term.

This term is Cross Country season! As the sun returns, we will head outdoors to learn the course and build our endurance so we are ready to compete in our School Cross Country on Tuesday 12th May. Gymnastics is our other focus this term. Students will have the chance to develop fundamental movement skills like balance, flexibility, and core strength and practice body control through a range of sequences, rotations, and landings. To help your child move safely and confidently, please ensure they wear comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear on these days.

We have a very full calendar this term with exciting events like our Bake Sale, Cross Country, Cultural Day, and Matariki Celebrations. Please keep a close eye on upcoming school notices for specific dates and times so you don't miss out on the action!

