



Te Kura o Puhinui
Warkworth School

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Welcome to Kauri C5 Community

13 February 2024

Dear Families and Whānau

We are extremely excited to be embarking on the journey of Year 5 with our new group of students. The Kauri teaching team is excited for the new opportunities and experience that innovative learning environments create. Our aim is to construct a collaborative learning community that is focused on student learning and growth.

What's happening this term?

Local Curriculum - History

We will be focusing on our local community. We plan to investigate and develop our own knowledge of the history of Warkworth. This will begin with an inquiry into who we are and how we fit within, both our local community and Warkworth School. We will also be developing our understanding of and connection to the Treaty of Waitangi as citizens of Aotearoa.

Mathematics

The focus for term one is Statistics. A new year brings the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of our peers. Our statistical investigation will explore our similarities and differences. Alongside statistics, we will also be working to develop number and algebra knowledge. This will happen through problem solving, mathematical inquiry and as part of our authentic learning.

Literacy - Reading and Writing

The focus for term one is to develop a writer's voice in authentic learning contexts. Students will be investigating and developing their vocabulary through the exploration of different forms of writing. Throughout the term we will be working on how to use our writing to communicate our thoughts and ideas for specific purposes. We are excited to do this through our History inquiry.

Swimming

We are hoping that the sun will shine, and the temperature will be right to enjoy our amazing school pool. We will be supporting our learners to develop the necessary skills and confidence in the water.

Swimming will start from Week 1 through to Week 6. Please make sure your children have their togs, towels and goggles each day as the timetable changes on a weekly basis. We will also be swimming in week 10.

Home Learning and Book Bags

In order to create smooth transitions between school and home, we would appreciate home learning books and book bags come to school each day. When students arrive, they can put their book bags into the container found in their guardian space. Library books will need to be returned, renewed or exchanged on Wednesdays.

Attached is a "Homework for Caregivers" sheet. It is a really helpful way for us to get to know your child quickly and support us to build a positive relationship with them. Thank you in advance for completing and returning it to their guardian teacher as soon as possible. We look forward to working with you during the year to support your child's education.

Sunhats

This term students are required to wear sun hats. Please make sure your child has a named school bucket hat with them each day.

Expected behaviour and Restorative Practice:

In Kauri Community we are working on developing relationships of trust, respect and care. We pride ourselves in working towards ensuring that our students feel safe and cared for at all times. We encourage open communication and when issues arise, we use a process called Restorative Practice. Through the process we listen carefully and work to support all students involved to come to a mutually agreed resolution that restores trust and respect between all involved.

Camp

This term we are very excited about our camp which will be held at Marsden Bay Christian Camp from 3 to 5 April. Please support us by filling in the forms that were sent out last year. We will be holding an information session for parents on Tuesday 12 March from 6 - 7pm.

Communication:

At Warkworth School we encourage open communication with our whānau. In the first instance, if you have concerns please email or talk with your child's classroom teacher. We find that most issues, if we are made aware of them, are easily resolved. Our website is updated regularly with school events as is our Warkworth School Facebook page.

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HOMework FOR CAREGIVERS!



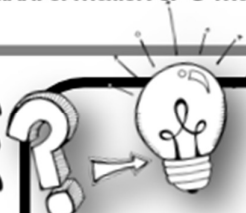
DEAR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS,

Please take the time to complete this confidential form to help me better meet the individual needs of your child this year. Feel free to continue on another piece of paper, add additional information or e-mail the answers if needed!

CAREGIVER'S NAME:

CHILD'S NAME:

The top 3 reasons I'm lucky to have your child in my class:



Do YOU have any strengths or passions that could be utilised occasionally within our classroom this year? E.g. cooking, craft, sports, computer skills, sewing, gardening, drama, rocket science, brain surgery etc..

Some of the things that my child may need support with academically, socially or emotionally:

PASSIONS & TALENTS THAT MY CHILD HAS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL:

Any Cultural or Religious beliefs that I should be aware of?

Languages spoken in our home: