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Kia ora parents, whanau and caregivers,

Nau mai, haere mai to Term 3.

I hope you have had a restful break and ready for another action packed term.

Core Subjects...

Maths

This term topics will include fractions & decimals, time and addition & subtraction.

Reading

Our focus will include developing inferencing skills, retelling and being able to correctly sequence events from the narrative.

Writing

In writing we will be looking at ways to add detail using 'show don't tell', using a thesaurus or the computer site Word Hippo for "WOW" words and improving our editing and publishing.

Knighton Way

This term our focus is "persistence". This means keep trying even when you are tired and knowing what to do when the going gets tough!

Dramatic Inquiry

The children formed a company called 'Water Inc' late last term. They have become experts in water quality and stream restoration. Bill the farmer has visited Water Inc and become their client. They are helping Bill find out if his stream is healthy enough for eel and what he can do to improve the quality of his stream so that eel can return. To do so the children have had to learn about our native tuna (eel) and what a healthy eel habitat consists of.

Health

We end the term with a unit titled "Keeping Ourselves Safe". This is a very practical series of lessons that help us to stay safe in a variety of situations and know how to ask for help when we need it. This will include the increasingly important topic of cyber safety and bullying.

P.E.

We will be involved in cross-country running and hockey. We have our school cross country and fun run on Thursday 20 August where children can choose to run competitively in a cross-country race. (Year 4's will be selected from this race to compete in the Inter School Cross-Country race) or to complete a run which is non competitive and fun.

Maori

We will be building on our conversational language using numbers, days of the week, colours and body parts.

Electives

This term we will be offering the popular middle school electives programme. Children get to choose from a range of interesting activities like magic tricks, cooking and science experiments. This programme will start Thursday 13 August and will run once a week for 5 weeks in school time.

I am certainly looking forward to a great and productive term. If you have any queries or issues you would like to discuss with me please pop in before or after school alternatively you can contact me by email. My email address is pgardener@kns.ac.nz

Yours truly,
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