



Kelburn Normal School

Year 3 and 4 Newsletter, Term Two 2017

Dear Parents,

Last term we made a fantastic start to the year with an amazing variety of learning experiences inside and outside of the classroom, a highlight being our arts festival day-trip. Some of our learning from term one is now on display in the school's foyer, so drop in to have a look if you haven't already.

The children have quickly settled into the new school term, with routines and class cultures now firmly engrained. We did a lot of assessment in the first term, and the year 3 and 4 teachers now have a strong understanding of where the children are, and what the children need to focus on to make excellent progress by the end of this year. On a personal level, we also shared with you, your child's progress and goals at the "3 way conferences". Towards the end of term 2 we would love to meet with you again for a second "3 way conference" and together we can chart your child's learning journey for the second half of the year.



As the term progresses, we continue to foster the Key Competencies of interaction, self efficacy, and multiple literacies through the KNS values of aroha & respect, responsibility & honesty, fairness, manaakitanga, inclusiveness, interdependency, powerful learning, resourcefulness and positivity. Please take any opportunity you can at home to reinforce these values by pointing out their 'real life' application in our day-to-day lives.



We plan to have two EOTC trips this term. One trip will be to Pataka Art Gallery and Museum in Porirua to visit an exhibition called "Shapes and Symbols", where we will explore the cultural significance of a variety of shapes and symbols within featured artworks (including a Fijian masi and a Cook Island tivaevae). The other trip in the planning is just around the corner to "Space Place". We will use this visit as a time to reinforce the learning happening in class, as well as encouraging the children to be inquisitive and make connections with their prior knowledge and own questions about space.

If you would like to help with either of these trips (approximately 3 hours each) please let your child's teacher know. As always, there are limited spaces for parent helpers due to space and cost, so first in!

A big thank-you to Joanne Harvey for sharing this link to the amazing Space and Science Festival, which is running this weekend and the next weekend at Onslow College:

<http://spacesciencefestival.org/>. Tickets are essential.

