

Karaka Newsletter Term 2, 2009

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

I hope you had an enjoyable holiday. Here is a brief summary of what we will be looking at during Term 2!

Topic

This term the senior syndicate has two main focuses. Currently, we have begun a unit called 'Kia Kaha' as part of the Health and PE curriculum with links to Social Studies. Kia Kaha revisits the way we manage ourselves at school and in the classroom. It then focuses on what bullying is and how we can work together to make our school a 'bully-free zone'. In about a month, our focus will shift toward the stars as our space unit begins. We will be learning about the components of our solar system and doing detailed examinations of the planets. If you, or someone you know, has a particular interest or knowledge in this area and would like to be involved please let me know.

Mathematics

This term we have begun with a focus on addition and subtraction. We are looking at the strategies (how we get the answers) we can use and when it is better to use our different options. In the middle of the term, we will look at a number of different aspects of measurement. As well as telling the time, we will also be measuring length, area and volume. To finish the term there will be a brief look at multiplication and division.

English

As well as the regular daily reading and language programmes, units covered this term include: television advertising, report and explanation writing and library skills.

The Arts

In the visual arts we will be covering symbolism in Pacific art using ICT to produce artworks. Later we will be creating mixed media works to complement our space topic.

Physical Education

This term's focus is winter sports and large ball skills.

Environmental Focus – HVS school Worm farm

This term we will continue to develop our ideas relating to the school's worm farm. If you check out our blog page you will see that we have, with the help of Dave (our caretaker), completed three waste surveys. Our next step is to introduce new worm food bins for the school to use and see if they make a difference.

Dates for your calendars:

12 th June	Performance Assembly
16 th June	Interzone Cross-country

I look forward to a busy and exciting term with your child. Please feel free to come in to discuss any questions or queries you may have. I will do my best to help.

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