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Dear Parents

Welcome to term two in Room Kauri. We begin the term with 13 students, moving to about 20 by the end of this term. Mrs Rose Powley will be my release teacher on many Tuesdays between morning tea and lunchtime, during which time I will be testing individual students and planning.

Main focuses this term will include:

READING: Children will bring home up to 4 books set at their reading level every day. Please listen to your child read at least one of these each night (or morning before school) and record it in their reading folder. They may need reminding to change these books before school each day and doing it with them occasionally shows that you value their reading choices. A few basic words are recorded at the back of the reading folders to learn and a new 'word of the week' will come home in their poem books every Friday, with accompanying poems. There may be an activity sheet to go with this.

Library Day is Wednesday, if books are returned on this day students can issue another.

WRITING: Handwriting is done daily with a new letter focus every two days. The children will have a poem based on that letter to help them learn the correct formation and the name and sound of each letter. Listen to your child read/sing these poems regularly as it helps to reinforce what is learnt at school. One child a day does handwriting on the computer, and all have turns on the electronic whiteboard.

Story writing is also completed daily with the main focus being independence. Each child has a goal set (their next step) once the basic routine is understood. There is also a computer roster for this.

Toys may be brought for 'talking time' (sharing) but these are not to be played with during breaks.

MATHS: Children are in level groups with the main focus being on number. We are concentrating on counting, sequencing and ordering 1-10-20, and some basic addition and subtraction. Other units covered this term will be measurement, money and jigsaw puzzles.

UNIT STUDIES: **Duty** is our cornerstone value for the term and the children will be talking about how and why to show duty at home and school (including ANZAC Day). All other units will be centred round the themes of **Communicator** and **Being a New Zealander**. We will be studying **maps, Joy Cowley, and volcanoes**. We may visit the museum and/or the Buried Village later this term.

On Friday 30th Apr (week 2) the whole school will have class photos. Cross Country day is Friday 18th June (week 9). Art week is in week 10 with an exhibition in week 11.

PHYS. ED.: Large Ball skills, running and some daily in-class warm ups and dances.

If you are free any day/time you are welcome to spend some time in our classroom as parent help, supporting your child and others once your child has settled in to school happily.

Thank you

Maria Shoebridge

