

Kōwhai

Team Newsletter

Term 2 2026



Kia ora e te whānau,

As we welcome you and your tamariki back to Term 2, we hope you've had a relaxing break and enjoyed some special time together. We're really looking forward to a positive and exciting term ahead.

This term, we will continue focusing on setting goals, staying organised, and growing a love of learning in each of our students. Our parent/teacher conferences in Week 3 will be a great opportunity to connect, celebrate progress, and chat about how we can continue to support your child's growth and success.

There are lots of opportunities this term across learning, sport, and cultural experiences, and we can't wait to see our Kōwhai tamariki get involved, challenge themselves, and thrive.

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Every Day Counts

Every day at school matters. Being here regularly helps students build routines, friendships, and strong learning habits that set them up for success.

For students to represent our school, please keep in mind:

- Students need to be on time for learning (below 10% lateness)
- Students need to attend school regularly (above 85% attendance)

Uniforms

Correct uniform each day: Black shoes only with plain navy or black socks. The only jackets that should be worn to school are our uniform jacket with our logo or our navy blue KidsCan jackets.



Important Dates to note

Week One:

- Monday 20th April. Day one of Term Two

Week Two:

- Public Holiday: Anzac Day, Monday 27 April. School closed

Week Three:

- Parent/teacher Conference: Wednesday starting at 12:30pm
- Sign Language Week
- Road Safety Week
- Bike Skills for Year 5's Monday and Tuesday
- Football Tamaki Cluster Tournament

Week Four:

- Bully Free Week
- Pink Shirt Day - Friday

Week Five:

- International Language Week Parade 10 am Friday

Week Six:

- Rugby League Tamaki Cluster - Wednesday

Week Seven:

- Public Holiday: King's Birthday, Monday, 1 June. School closed
- Samoan Language Week

Week Eight:

- Class Speeches presentations

Week Nine:

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Week Ten:

- Team Speech Finals Time TBC
- Matariki Celebrations: Official Friday, 10 July (in holidays)

Week Eleven:

- Team Speech Finals Time TBC
- Reports Home Thursday
- Last day of Term Two: Friday 3rd July





CPW

Curiosity, Purpose & Wonder

This term, our CPW inquiry focuses on Healthy bodies (Tinana Hauora). Students will explore hauora, the holistic concept of looking after our total wellbeing. Guided by the Te Whare Tapa Whā model, we learn that staying well involves more than just physical health; it includes nourishing our bodies with movement and good food, understanding our emotions, and building kind connections within our community. By balancing these different areas, we don't just feel happier, we create an environment where everyone can learn and thrive together.

Maths

Students will continue to build their maths knowledge and skills through the Oxford Mathematics programme. A key focus this term will be mathematical talk. This means students will explain their thinking, ask questions, and use the correct maths language. This helps deepen understanding, build confidence, and allows students to learn from each other.

We will also keep strengthening number knowledge and basic facts. This supports students to become more confident, accurate, and fluent in their maths, making more complex problem-solving easier over time. Regular practice of basic facts at home is a great way whānau can support this learning.

Health & PE

In Physical Education, students will develop skills such as passing, catching, dribbling, and moving into space through a range of team games. This helps build confidence, coordination, and teamwork.

In Health, students will learn about pubertal change. This includes understanding the physical and emotional changes that happen as they grow, in a safe and respectful learning environment. More information will be shared with whānau over the next few weeks.

Literacy



This term, students will be focusing on writing to entertain. They will use their imagination to create engaging pieces such as stories, poems, and scripts. Through this, they will develop their ability to build interesting characters, describe settings, and share ideas in creative ways, while growing confidence in their writing.

Students will also take part in our annual oral language competition. They will have the opportunity to prepare and present a speech, rap, spoken word, or a flashtalk. More information will be shared soon.

In Reading, Kōwhai students will continue with the BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach) Years 4-6 programme. This supports students to strengthen key reading skills such as decoding, reading fluently, and understanding texts.

Reading at home each night continues to be an important way to support your child's progress, helping them build confidence and become capable, independent readers



Arts

This term, Arts learning will focus on building students' understanding of drama. Drama gives students a creative way to explore emotions and build empathy. It helps them develop problem-solving skills by thinking on their feet, while also building confidence in public speaking and strengthening communication skills.