



Kowhai Whānau Team Fun!

## Kia ora Kowhai whānau!

Two terms down and two terms to go! We have reached the halfway mark of the school year.

Once again, a warm welcome back to all students and whānau. We are right back into the swing of things and learning is well underway.

At the end of last term, we farewelled Mrs Restauro and we have now welcomed Mrs Prem Bina into our team. Mrs Bina has had many years of teaching experience spending most of her career in Fiji. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and a fresh perspective to our school community.

From the rich curriculum focuses, to the additional learning opportunities and experiences, we have a lot to look forward to this term.

Let's make this term the best one yet!

Kind regards,

Miss Libby Flashman - Room 19 teacher & Team Leader

Mrs Debbie McIntosh - Room 16 teacher (M-W)

Mr Viliami Fifita - Room 16 teacher (Th-F)

Mrs Prem Bina - Room 17 teacher

Miss Zoe Foster - Room 18 teacher

Mrs Sharon Riley (Whaea Shaz) - Nga Hau e Wha/Room 20



## IMPORTANT DATES

### Week Three -

- Cook Islands Language Week

### Week Four -

- Maths Week
- Tread Lightly Caravan sessions
- Class speech competitions

### Week Five -

- Kowhai parents puberty consultation via Zoom  
+ Monday 14th August @ 6:30 pm
- Tread Lightly Caravan sessions
- Class speech competitions

### Week Six -

- Team speech competitions (Semi finals)  
+ Tuesday 22nd August
- School speech competition  
+ Thursday 24th August
- Daffodil Day  
+ Friday 25th August

### Week Seven -

- Teacher Only Day  
+ Friday 1st September

### Week Eight -

- Tongan Language Week

### Week Nine -

- Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori

### Week Ten -

- Book Week
- Book Fair open in the Whare Ahuru Mowai
- Book Character Parade  
+ Friday 22nd September
- Last day of Term 3!  
+ Friday 22nd September

## What to expect this term? Literacy

Connecting perfectly with our CPW concept this term, our writing focus is all around the purpose to persuade.

This purpose is utilised to convince the audience of a particular viewpoint or idea by presenting compelling arguments and evidence. Over the term, teachers will introduce various text types relating to this focus and essential skills that further consolidate this learning.

In Reading, we continue to take an interest based approach catering to the mixed abilities in the classroom. The children read daily in the classroom and will have a book to further read at home. In addition to class books, we encourage all the children to read for pleasure, and our visits to our school Whare Ahuru Mowai will further support this.

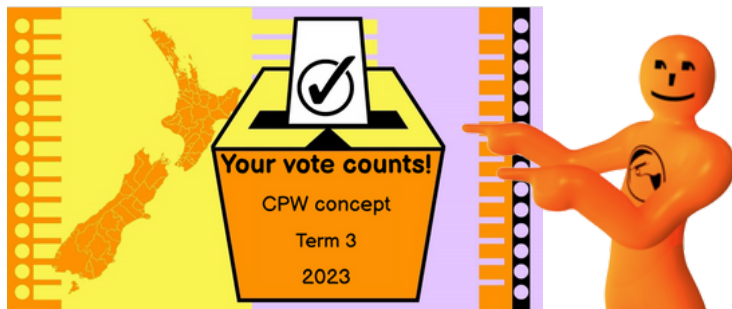


Buddy Reading with Rata Children

# CPW - Curiosity, Purpose & Wonder

## Your Vote Counts!

This term our CPW focus is 'Your Vote Counts'. A powerful concept where the students will find out that voting is a fundamental civic responsibility and an essential aspect of participating in a democratic society. Through this concept, students will grasp the significance of their individual voices in shaping the future of their communities and reflect on our local history around power and authority. By understanding how elections work and discussing issues they care about, our tamariki will feel empowered to be active citizens and help make a positive change in our society.



### Term 2 CPW presenting in Room 17



## Kowhai involvement this term:

- Tironui music lessons for selected students
- BRS HEARTS and BRS Kowhai netball teams playing on Thursday evenings at the Auckland netball centre.
- 'Bible in Schools' sessions (optional for Yr 5/6)
- Positive Puberty Programme for Yr 5/6
- BRS, Kahui Ako and Rehu Tai Speech competitions
- Tama Tū, Tama Ora group sessions
- Girls self defence sessions
- Kowhai Jump Jam group competition
- Cook Islands Language Week
- Tongan Language Week
- Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori
- Maths Week
- Tread Lightly Caravan
- Book Fair



# Mathematics

Through a problem solving approach, we are learning all about percentages, decimals and ratios this first half of the term. From the mid-way mark, we will move on to Geometry, with a particular focus on position and orientation. In addition to these areas, we also place huge importance on learning and memorising our basic facts.

Will all of Kowhai have their 1 - 12 times tables memorised by the end of the year?!

Don't forget to keep an eye out for daily challenges in Week Four as we celebrate Maths Week.

Why was the maths book feeling sad?  
Because it had so many problems!



## The Arts

This term we are taking an integrated approach with the arts and connecting a drama and use of voice learning focus to both our CPW concept and upcoming speech competition. Public speaking is a great self-esteem booster and enables people to think both critically and creatively. Students will learn how to communicate with others, speak clearly, present themselves well and articulate their ideas. Important skills that are needed throughout all stages of life.

### Netball stars in the BRS HEARTS and Kowhai teams



## Health & PE

This term our Year 5 and 6 students will be a part of the Positive Puberty programme led by Nest Education. This will be a one day session where the children learn about anatomy, changes, hygiene, body positivity and more. Join us on Zoom on August 14th at 6:30 pm for a parent consultation meeting.

For PE, our focus is on 'invasion games' which are team-based activities that involve attacking and defending specific areas that promote strategic thinking and teamwork among students.