

Kia Ora parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to Term Three. Thank you for all the support you have given us throughout the first half of the year. We all enjoyed meeting with you and discussing your child's goal cards at the end of last term. We would like to welcome Mrs Woodward and Mrs Cooke to our Year 6 whānau, in Room 21.

This term, our inquiry topic is "Is our planet worth saving?" This is going to focus on animals and how their habitats are changing from both natural causes and from human influence.

For literacy this term, our focuses are persuasive writing where we will be trying to persuade the audience of different points of view and information reports where we will be focusing on using scientific vocabulary and organising our ideas into related sub headings. We also have speeches coming up and will be doing our class finals in Week 3.

For mathematics this term, we are continuing our inquiry maths journey. There will be an open morning on **Friday the 14th of August**. Please come along and see what inquiry maths is all about. Our focus for this term is algebra and geometry. Remember to continue practising basic facts and going on Maths Whizz. There is another 8 week challenge starting where your child can earn a certificate if they make 3 progressions a week for the next 8 weeks and there are also prizes to be won.

Reminders:

- PE gear and sports shoes need to be brought to school daily.
- Home learning: continue learning basic facts, spelling words and reading for at least 20 minutes a night

Key Dates:

Week 1: Friday 9:15: Welcome Pōwiri

Week 2: Wednesday 9am: Cross Country

Week 4: Tuesday: Interschool Cross Country

Thursday: Disco

Friday: Inquiry Maths Morning

Week 5: Monday: ICAS Science

Friday: Tall Oaks Speech Finals

Week 6: Monday: ICAS Digital Technology

Tuesday: Mufti and Sausage Sizzle

Wednesday: ICAS English

Week 7: Monday: ICAS Maths

Thursday: Blokes at the Oaks

Friday: Babes at Baverstock

Week 10: Friday: Year 5 Whānau open afternoon

Kind regards,

Holly Skipper

Year 6 Whānau Leader