



# TE WHĀNAU KAHIKATEA NEWSLETTER

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us this term. Here is an overview of our learning:

Our **inquiry** this term focuses on simple machines. We are investigating basic mechanisms that are part of our daily lives, such as levers, wheels, and pulleys. This exploration will help us develop skills and ideas for designing our own simple machines.

In **te reo Māori**, we are learning how to say what we are doing and describe the location of objects.

In **maths**, we are focusing on building our knowledge of multiplication, measurement, and geometry.

In **reading and writing**, we are using our learning about mechanisms to read and write instructions and explanations.

As part of **Health and Physical Education**, we are currently training for cross country, which is happening in a couple of weeks (see date below). After that, we'll be developing our basketball and netball skills.

If you are coming into school during school hours, please sign in at the office to receive a visitor pass when you arrive, and sign out when you leave. This helps us maintain our safety protocols, and we really appreciate your support with this.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email or pop in.

Ngā mihi,

Te Whānau o Kahikatea



## Important Dates

**Cross Country** - Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:30- 10:45 (approx.) at Karori Park.

More details next week!

**Pink Shirt Day**- Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

**School Photos**- May, Tues 21<sup>st</sup> - Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Staff Only Day**- Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**King's Birthday**- Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Matariki Disco**- Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

**Matariki**- Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>

**Mid-Term Reports and last day of term**- June 27<sup>th</sup>

## Te Awa Library Days

### Wednesdays:

Akomanga 14 (Ximena)

Akomanga 15 (Jenna)

### Fridays:

Akomanga 21

(Emma and Isabella)



# Kahikatea Homework



**Basic Facts Practice:** We recommend 10-15 minute practice to consolidate basic facts 2-3 times per week. You can use this website:

[maths.prototec.co.nz](https://maths.prototec.co.nz), or scan the QR code.

**For your child, begin at the stage noted in their homework book.**

If you prefer a device free option, please email us and we can send printed practice in your child's book.



**Reading at home:** The new structured literacy approach means that your child might not have a new book to read every day from school. We suggest keeping a few books over a couple of weeks and rereading them. If your child is reading with growing independence, books that they enjoy are also good as well. Reading to your child more sophisticated books (such as children's novels) helps them to hear what fluent reading sounds like, and you can discuss interesting topics or more complex vocabulary together. The weekly homework sheet will have stars to tick off for each home reading session.



**Spelling Practice:** Most Fridays, there will be new spelling words to practise at home. These link to the spelling patterns we are learning in class. We recommend 2- 3, 15 minute practice sessions a week. The homework book can be used to practise if you like. Here are some suggestions for activities your child can do at home.

Write a sentence with each word

Write each word 3 times in fancy or weird writing

Write each word 3 times using different colours. Use felts or colouring pencils.

Write each word as part of picture



Write the **consonants** in one colour, and the **vowels** in another  
vowels: a, e, i, o, u

Make a story with all your words