

## WHAT'S ON TERM 3

28-29 July

Student Led Conferences

31 July

Kawaka Assembly & Pulse

7 August

School X-Country

10 August

Kawaka Class Speeches

12 August

Lower Waipa X-Country

13 August

Tech Arts Master Class

17 August

Kawaka Speech Finals

19 August

Regional Gymsports

20 August

Band Festival

21 August

Waikato Science Fair

28 August

School Spelling Bee

1 September

Kawaka Info Evening

3 September

Lower Waipa Speeches

TA College Open Day

7 September

Aims Games

11 September

Grocery Raffle Draw

17 September

Full Primary Speeches Regionals  
(finals on 24 September)

18 September

Kapakaha Festival

22-23 September

'Robin Hood' Production

# KAWAKA NEWS TERM 3



Welcome back to the second half of 2015 and another exciting, action-packed term ahead!

## Learning Programmes & Production

This term our school-wide focus on **responsibility** continues within The Arts context of Robin Hood. We will be studying films and reading books that portray this classic story and students will then explore an element of the film for their personal inquiry. This of course is also in preparation for our **production** in Week 10 where students will be working towards an exciting musical performance of 'Robin Hood'. At this stage, we will be having a matinee and evening show on Tuesday 22 September followed by a final evening show on Wednesday 23 September. All students will be involved in the production in some capacity with as many as possible having speaking and acting roles on stage. There will also be opportunities for students to participate in equally as important off-stage roles. Students who auditioned for and gained lead roles at the end of Term 2 will be required to learn their lines and the songs early in the term in preparation for rehearsals which will begin soon. The production is a huge commitment for all of those involved and we greatly appreciate your support in this. If any of you would like to help with the production in any way, we would love to hear from you. Room 14 will be collecting newspaper for a big paper mache project for the production. If you have any newspaper to spare, it will be greatly appreciated. Also, a letter will be going home shortly for costume requirements for several of the roles so please keep an eye out for this.

Our **mathematics** focus this term is on fractions, decimals, percentages and ratios. We will also be continuing with measurement concepts early in the term followed by geometry skills where we will be exploring the properties and representations of 2D and 3D shapes. Students will need to continue learning their multiplication and division facts as well as other important number knowledge such as multiples and factors which will support them in their learning this term. Remember to utilise the fantastic online resources such as Mathletics and the maths page on the Kawaka Wiki ([www.kawaka.wikispaces.com](http://www.kawaka.wikispaces.com)) to supplement your child's maths learning at home.

In **writing**, students will be focusing on argument writing in preparation for class **speeches** in Week 4, followed by the Kawaka speech finals in Week 5. Students are required to choose their own topic from a list of themes outlined in a notice that went home at the end of last term. They will be writing the majority of their speeches at school, however, they are encouraged to research their speech topic and do any extra work for this at home. They will also need to practice their speeches at home in preparation for presenting these in front of their classes in Week 4. Parents are invited to attend the Kawaka Speech Finals on Monday 17 August at 9.45 am in the school hall if you wish. This term, students will also be practicing skills in writing poetry and as well as written responses to text; a crucial skill in preparation for essay writing at high school.

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## Learning Programmes Continued...

This term in **reading**, children will be refining comprehension strategies such as making inferences, making evaluations of texts and summarising key ideas to support their understanding of a range of genres. We will also be exploring themes (the big idea) in texts. As always, children need to have a suitable chapter book to read during independent reading times and on top of this, should be pushing 20-30 minutes of reading at home daily.

**Spelling** programmes will continue with children learning their sets of at least 10 A-Z list words each week as well as words for each classes specific spelling focus exploring patterns and rules.

**Physical Education** is a daily part of our programme and all students will be involved in daily fitness activities. The children will be working hard for the first few weeks on their personal fitness in preparation for the school cross country event in **Week 3**. Following this, students will have the opportunity to learn small ball skills finishing with hockey skills sessions with Project Energize later in the term. All students will be participating in a full day **first aid course** this week. This will give students a basic certificate of participation and valuable life skills in administering first aid.

Remember to check out our **class sites** (a link to these is on the school website) to keep up-to-date with what is happening in each class on a day-to-day basis. We also encourage you to continue to visit your child's learning **blog** and comment on their learning as they share their learning and experiences with a world-wide audience.

## Tech Arts

As a result of production this term, there will be **no Tech Arts programme**. This will resume again in Term 4. However, in **Week 4**, we are organising a **Tech Arts Master Class** day where students will be able to select their area of interest and spend a day making production-related creations with their Tech Arts teachers. More information will be given to the students closer to the date.

## Student Led Conferences

We look forward to student-led conferences on **Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 2**. Please see the school newsletter for booking details. These conferences are an important time for students to share their successes and discuss their goals and how they will reach them between now and the end of the year. Students need to be a part of this so they can share their own learning. If you have other things you would like to discuss, we are always happy to make another time to have a chat.

Best of luck for those students representing our school at the **Regional Gymsports Competition on Wednesday 19 August**, **NIWA Waikato Science Fair on Friday 21 August** and **Aims Games on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September**.

We would all like to say a very big "thank you" for all of your amazing support already this year. We feel very privileged to have such a wonderful group of parents working alongside us as we teach and learn together. Have a fantastic term!

Kind Regards,

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## Education Outside the Classroom

- **Hillary Outdoors-** The balance due for Hillary Outdoors is required by **Week 2 of Term 4** at the very latest. Medical forms will be going out today and will need to be returned to Amanda at your earliest convenience. An additional notice will be coming out this week.
- **Year 7 Camp to Russell (Northland)-** More information will be coming out about Year 7 Camp later in the term. We will be continuing to run extra fundraising activities to help reduce the overall cost of this trip. Thank you for your amazing support with this so far. This trip will cost approximately \$250 per student (parent helpers will pay a discounted price) and will be 4 nights and 5 days from the 16-20 November. There are still several spaces if you would like to join us on this awesome camp, put the dates in your diary and let Angela know as soon as possible so we can make provision for you (the more the merrier!).
- **Grocery Raffle-** This term, the Year 7 & 8 students will have the opportunity to participate in a grocery raffle fundraising initiative which will mean that every dollar made will come off each individual's camp fee for OPC or Year 7 Camp. A notice will be coming home about this with this Kawaka newsletter. Grocery items will need to come in to Room 14 by **Monday Week 2** so we can begin selling raffle tickets.