NOVA MONTESSORI PRIMARY NEWSLETTER TERM 1, 2017

Kauri (6-9) and Pohutukawa (9-12) Learning Communities

Tena koutou and welcome.

After what has been a wonderful start to the new school year we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our Nova Montessori School primary children and families for Term 1, 2017.

We say a special welcome to those children and families who have recently joined our Kauri (6-9) Learning Community.

We welcome into the primary school:

- **Benjamin French (9 from Malfroy School (Montessori Unit in Rotorua)** and his parents Tamzin and Paul (Woolston)
- **James French (6 years) from Malfroy School (Montessori Unit in Rotorua)** and his parents Tamzin and Paul (Woolston)
- **Aiesha (6 Hurupaki School Whangarei)** and her mother Melanie

Also during the term we will receive from the Children's House:

- **Felim Ryan** (and his parents Danielle and Noel)
- **Marcus Ng-Wicksteed** (and his parents Jan and Gary)
- **Louisa Emerson** (and her parents Jessica and Tim)
- **Hussain Syed** (and his parents Hafsar and Razi)

Kauri 6 to 9 Learning Community Morning Programme

Three-Hour Work Cycle

In the 6 -13 classrooms the children's Work Cycle begins at 8:30 AM, when school starts for the day.
As well as a **continuation** of the **work cycle** on some afternoons, each class focus will be:

Morning Programme

Three-Hour Work Cycle
In the 6 -9 classroom the children's Work Cycle begins at 8:30am, when school starts for the day.

As well as a **continuation** of the **work cycle** on some afternoons, each class focus will be:

Kauri (6-9) Afternoon Programme

Monday:
- Could the children please bring their **reading folders** and spelling books each Monday, when they will be offered new reading books, spelling words or sight words for the week.
- Continuation of the Work Cycle
- **Community Meeting**

Tuesday:
- **Art Focus** (Visual arts)

Wednesday:
- Continuation of the Work Cycle
- Whole Language Focus and **Reading Groups**
- **New Brighton Library visits**
- Shared Story Read Aloud

Wheelie Wednesday Lunchtimes (helmets please)

Thursday:
- **Permaculture Gardening** with Magenta (alternate Thursdays)
- **Creative Writing** for **Author's Chair**
- **Writer's Workshop** with a focus this term on writing mechanics and poetry

Friday:
- **Sport** (Large and small ball skills and games)
  Can all children please bring suitable clothing and footwear for sport every Friday, such as, shorts/leggings/t-shirt and sneakers/trainers. Thanks ☺

Swim Programme:
The children's **swim programme** for all primary in Term One was a day at the beach for Surfing and Beach safety with Aaron and his team from Surf Safe, which offered Surfing and Body Boarding.

We will also be swimming at Jellie Park in Terms 1 2, and 4 The week for swimming will be from **Monday the 27th until Friday the 31st** March.

"Going Out" for Kauri

Name of programme: Rocky Road of Discovery at Halswell Quarry
Location: Halswell Quarry
This programme supports the children in their contextual Cosmic Education for this Term, which is Earth Story.

Term Four Cosmic Education
Context and Overview 2016

This term we are exploring a physical perspective of Earth. From the formation of the universe and Earth we will journey on a geological path to discover the nature and formation of types of rocks, how fossils are made and what we learn from them, types of volcanoes and the process of building a mountain!

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Newsletter Pohutukawa Learning Community (9 -13)

Morning Programme

The Three-Hour Work Cycle, (all school days), with a continuation of the work cycle on some afternoons. This enables our children the opportunity to nurture the ability to work and deepen in their learning for uninterrupted long periods of time.

Most days include a time for Community Gathering.

Pohutukawa (9-13) Afternoon Programme:

Monday:
- Shared Story "On the Edge."
- Spelling and Reading Programme
- **Technicraft** will continue at **Christchurch East School** every Monday afternoon for Y7 and Y8 students.

Tuesday:
- Shared Story
- Literature Circle

Wednesday:
- Shared Story
- Kiwi Sports at the park

Thursday:
- Shared Story
- Work cycle continued
- Cooking Groups

Friday:
- Work in Process
- Research Focus

Cosmic Education in Pohutukawa Room

The children will be taking a journey back through time to:

- *Early Life and a Story of "I Obey," demonstrating the need for **co-operation** in order for life to survive. Each living being has a cosmic task to live out, including humans.*
- *A story called "Out of the Cosmos."*
- *The Formation of the Earth and the Moon*
- *The Great Rift Valley and the Emergence of Early Human*

- *The Story of Fire and the development of human beings.*

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Reporting to Parents for Term 1 (Kauri and Pohutukawa)

- Term 1 Discovery Journey, Wednesday, April the 5th
  This is an opportunity for parents to come to school and be part of their child's learning. Mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 and/or 3:pm to 5pm. (Notice to follow)

"Education between the ages of six to twelve is not a direct continuation of that which has gone before, though it is built upon that basis. Psychologically there is a decided change in personality, and we recognize that nature has made this a period for the acquisition of culture, just as the former was for the absorption of the environment."

Dr Montessori

(To Educate the Human Potential, p. 3)

Parent Teacher Sharing Evening on Reading.

This term we will be offering an evening about ways to support your child with their reading at home, what we do at school to aid the children in their reading programme, and ways that school and home can be in partnership with our children to **"Learn how to Read."**

Date: Wednesday 29th March from 7 to 9pm in Kauri

This evening will be of particular interest and importance to parents of children who are embarking and establishing themselves into the world of reading, which is why we are combining it with Children's House and the primary 6 to 9 class. (Notice to follow)

Thank you

House Keeping Matters:

If you have changed your postal address, email, landline or mobile number, please let the office know.

Observations are welcomed in the primary classes and in the Children's House. If you would like to observe in your child's class on any morning, please contact the office.

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Important Dates to Remember for Term 1:

- 30th January, Monday – Term 1 commences
- 6th February, Monday – Public Holiday Waitangi Day
- 9th February, Thursday-Surf Safe Day at New Brighton Beach
- 15th February, Wednesday – Earthquake Drill
- 16th February, Thursday – Fire Drill
- 9th March – Friday Nova PTA Meeting (school office2 to 3:pm)
- 10th March – Friday, **Nova Primary School Holiday**
- 27th to 31st March, Swim Week at Jellie Park

- 29th March, Wednesday, Parent Teacher Evening, 7 to 9 pm Nova School **Reading with our, 3, 4, 5, 6 , 7 and 8 year olds**,
- 2nd April, Sunday – **Nova Market Day** set up from 10:am through to 1:pm
- 5th April, Wednesday- **Discovery Journey for Primary**
- 12th April, Wednesday – Kauri Class, Learning Through Action at Halswell Quarry (Notice to follow **…parent helpers needed for the day contact office please)**
- 13th April, Friday – Last day of Term 1
- 1st May, Monday – Term 2 commences

Thank you

Ngā Mihi

Nicky, Leah, Letitia, Nanette, and Pauline