

# RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

10 May 2018

Dear parents, guardians, caregivers,

## TEAM KAPITI NEWSLETTER: TERM 2

Welcome back everyone! Here is some information about this term's learning and activities. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any queries.

### Learning contexts this term

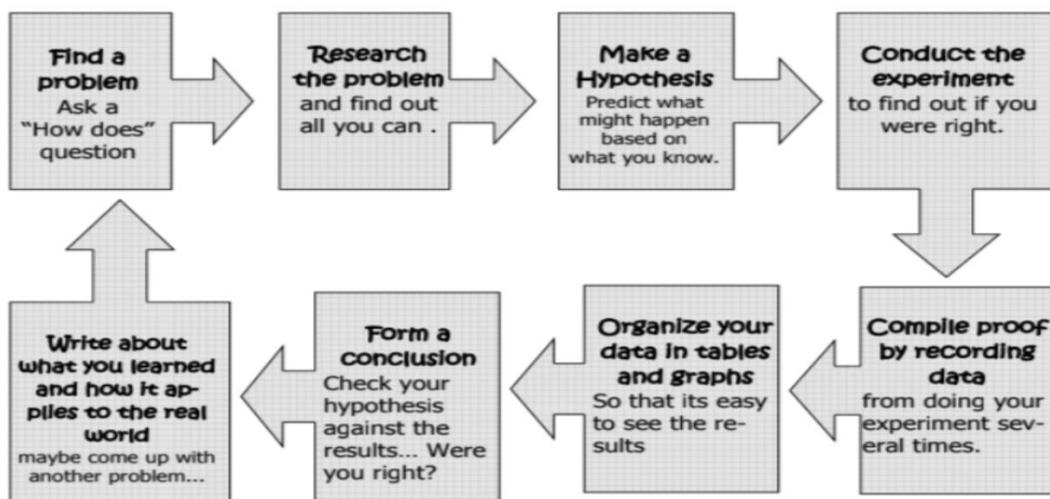
This term's big focus is SCIENCE with the Science Fair first, and later in the term, learning more about Relationships in science...ecosystems, interdependence. Literacy studies will support these inquiries and form a core part of learning programmes. Learning in mathematics this term is focussed on developing skills in Measurement, Geometry and addition/subtraction strategies.

Science Fair key dates:                      weeks 2, 3, 4  
students working in-class (also a bit at home) on their planning and experiments, data analysis and conclusions

week 5  
students completing their "writing up" and making presentation boards  
(they may wish to purchase a science board or can make their own)  
*Weds afternoon - Friday: boards displayed in learning street for public viewing*

We have put some further information on our FB page and on Google Classroom (which your child can show you). This flow chart shows the steps that students are following in their Science Fair learning:

## Scientific Method?



Self-management and learner agency are key aspects of Team Kapiti learning. We have a strong focus on students becoming responsible for and driving their own learning: developing goal setting skills, managing their time effectively, learning how to focus on learning, collaborating with others.

Dates for this term

Friday 11 May	Camp parent applications due Swimming Festival
Tues 15 May	Cross country (TK after lunch)
Fri 18 May	Pink Shirt Day (stand up to bullying)
21-25 May	Constable Andi Noble working with classes: Cybersafety
Wed 23 May	Camp Bake Sale (notice to come)
Thurs 24 May	Capital E trip "Wahine" (sign ups closed now)
31 May - 1 June	Science Fair boards on display
15 June	Reports come home
21 June	Matariki celebration evening (whole school)

### **Year 8 Events: Dates**

26 June	Kapiti College open morning for year 8 students (9-12)
Year 8 Dance	Friday 7 December (7-9.30)
Leavers' Celebration	Thursday 13 December (7-8pm)

Whew! We will publish more dates as they come to hand. Please also keep an eye on the team and school FB pages, on the school newsletter and calendar section of school website.

### **Camp: Teapot Valley**

Thank you for paying the \$100 payment one, or communicating with us regarding this. We are excited to have just secured \$10,000 from the Pelorus Trust and are continuing to apply for further funds. Remember to check the fundraising info on last term's notice (see website). If you have any queries about camp, in particular your child's worries or concerns, please chat with their teacher or Wendy Keating. Over the next couple of weeks, teachers will sort through the parent applications and make selections. Thank you to all who've applied...we're very grateful to have your support.

### **Personal care and hygiene**

We have been speaking with our classes about the need to take responsibility for their personal hygiene, particularly as we do a lot of physical activity, and they are becoming teenagers! We've talked about taking regular showers, using deodorant, ensuring their uniform (including fleece) gets to the washing machine (and off the bedroom floor!), putting their shoes out in the sun for a while to air, changing socks. We're sure this echoes conversations you have at home too!

### **Tutoring**

It is great to see students working with seniors from Kapiti College, supporting their learning. If you are interested in a tutor for maths or reading for your child, please email Dave Clare [dclare@raumatbeach.school.nz](mailto:dclare@raumatbeach.school.nz) who will organise contact for you.

**Thank you for your continued support of learning in Team Kapiti. Again, it's a busy term!**

**Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries.**

Kind regards, Nga mihi nui,

Team Kapiti Kaiako

Involvement - Resilience – Communication - Respect - Responsibility - Curiosity - Having Fun