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Te Kākano Newsletter – Term 4, 2025

Kia ora koutou whānau

Welcome back, everyone. Hopefully, you all had time to relax and enjoy the weather over the break. We have a busy term ahead and we're looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Our Learning Programme

Our learning programme will continue to place emphasis on the key learning areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. Major units of work will be integrated across these curriculum areas to ensure that our students gain from deeper and more meaningful learning experiences.



Inquiry/Science

On Wednesday 22 October, Te Kākano will take a field trip to the International Antarctic Centre. This relates to our inquiry theme: 'Habitats: Rocky Shore/Antarctica'. During our visit, we will follow the Education Programme: Challenges & Sustainability, looking at understanding the challenges facing environmental conservation in Antarctica and exploring sustainable options to address them. Learners will also get to visit the snow room and see some penguins.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Keeping Ourselves Safe forms part of the Health Curriculum. KOS is a comprehensive child protection programme in which students of all levels learn to apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.



Athletics

This term, Years 1-4 will have a Junior Athletics Day at school on 28 November. Throughout Term 4, learners will be having sessions on the track and field. We encourage learners to wear appropriate footwear and clothes that are suitable for sports activities.

Uniform IMPORTANT (Hats need to be worn from day 1, Term 4)

To ensure a sun-safe environment, please ensure that Russley students wear a **named, wide-brimmed sun hat** to and from school and during outdoor play and sport in Term 4.



Important Dates:

Antarctic Centre field trip – Wed 22 October

Labour Day (public holiday) – Monday 27 October

Canterbury Show Day (public holiday) – Friday 14 November

Junior Athletics – Friday 28 November

Annual prize giving – Friday 12 December 9.15am

Last day of school – Wednesday 17 December, close at 12.30 pm

As always, please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or require any further information. You can contact your classroom teacher by phoning the school office or emailing them.

Kia pai tō koutou rā

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