

# **KAURI FLATS**

*Unrelenting curiosity for learning*



## Term 3 Communication

Kia Ora parents/caregivers

I can't believe that this term has flown by so quickly and we are now entering the final term of the year.

The term has been filled with a great deal of success both learning and sporting and it's great for the students to be able to celebrate their success.

Linc-ed has grown and we are continuing to develop this effective communication and learning tool to suit the needs of both students and our community. We are about to develop its use more through our middle school during term 4 so they are able to upload learning and talk more about their goals and next learning steps.

Our reporting will also change in term 4. No longer will we be filing out a repetitive end of year report for our Year 4-8's. This will be shared via linc-ed and talked to during one-to-one student conferences. The purpose and power of this tool ensures you are kept up to date with 'live' and real time information - not twice a year updates. Goal setting and progress are also updated at checkpoints throughout the term, usually this means updates for most students twice a term.

The school curriculum continues to develop and grow and is becoming even more responsive to our students' interests. This can be highlighted through our recent trip to Stardome with our junior school. The children had a passion for space through reading sessions and this resulted in extended learning and engagement

culminating in a trip to Stardome in which the students could answer all the questions they were asked - even the ones the teachers couldn't!

This is a perfect example of our teachers being responsive to student interest and the development of our UC4L curriculum. To see how this has grown across the school and the engagement of all students is a great affirmation for our teachers.

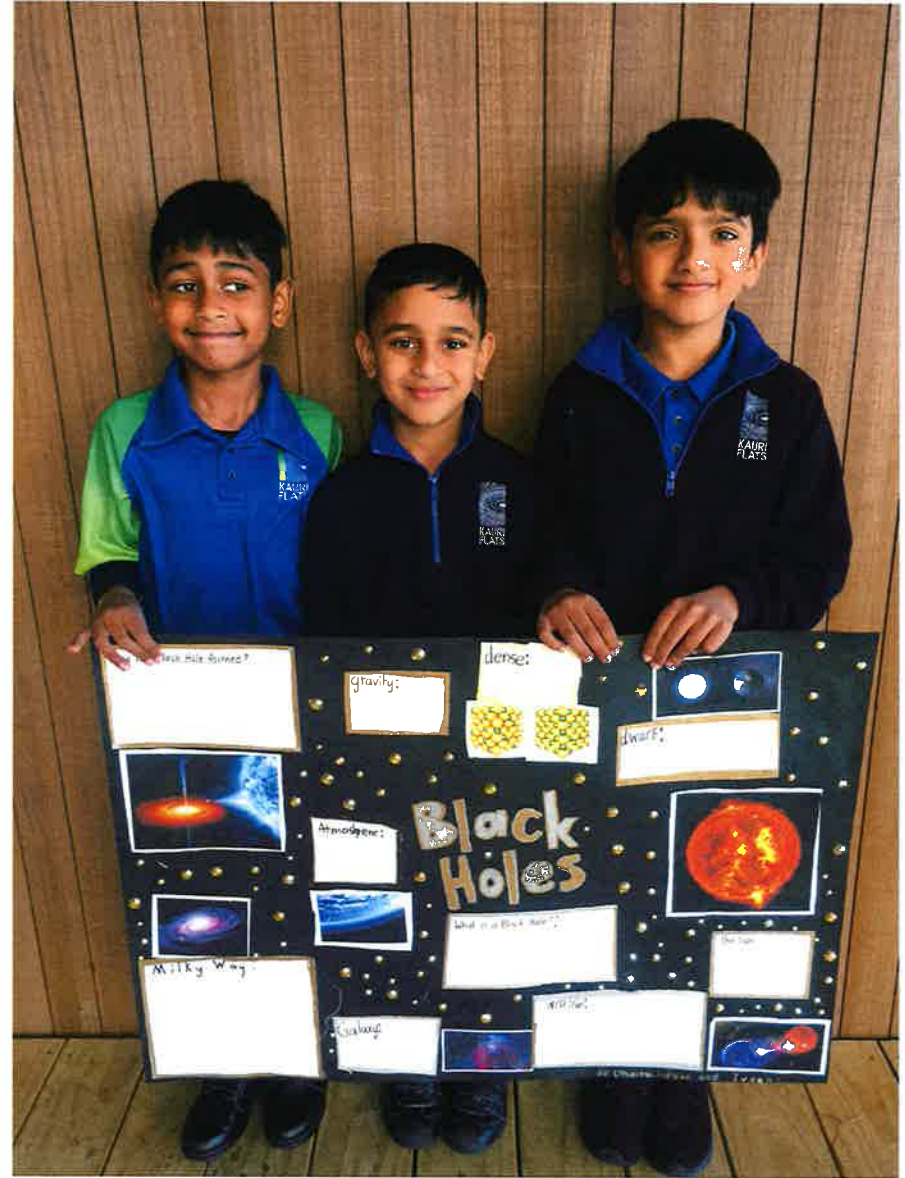
It has also been another successful term where we have continued to build on our relationship and support of Selwyn Oaks retirement home. A selection of our senior students spend Friday afternoon's helping the residents, playing games and indoor bowls – which we still cannot win!!!

Take a look at the pictures below and see some of the learning in action as well as little snap shot of the many sports we have participated in this term.













### **Sporting events/tournaments throughout the term:**

Auckland Rugby Champs (two boys representing North Counties)

Boys Netball

Cross Country

Boy Rugby League (two boys representing North Counties)

Badminton

Football

North Counties Basketball – Boys Tournament winners

Zone Basketball

Zero to Hero Athletics have a go day



We have also had students in our senior school enter a recent Aquabot Championship in West Auckland. The team competed against schools such as St Kents, Kings College, Hobsonville Point in a series of challenges. The students did extremely well in the intermediate category and came runners up – not bad considering our team was mainly made up of Year 5 and 6 students!



#### **Term 4 Dates:**

*please note the following dates in your calendars:*

Friday 28 September – Last Day of Term 3

Monday 15 October – Term 4 begins

Friday 19 October – Staff Only Day

Monday 22 October – Labour Weekend

Tuesday 20 November – Base Photos

Monday 3 December – Friday 14 December – End of Year report conference (Years 4-8)

Friday 14 December – School Opening (fun day event)

Wednesday 19 December – Prize Giving – 11:00am – 1:00pm

Wednesday 19 December – Last Day of Term



**Parking**

Please can all parents be reminded that our disabled parking spaces are for disabled only. Should you park in either spaces without the legal required permit you will be asked to park elsewhere. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**General Reminders:**

**Name it:** We make every effort to ensure our students belongings are kept safe. To help us to do this, please make sure all items of clothing, lunch boxes etc. are named. Currently we have unnamed near new polar fleece jerseys in lost property.

**Uniform:** It's great to see so many students wearing the correct uniform. If for any reason any item of incorrect uniform is worn (e.g. track pants, black jeans, the wrong school jumpers, incorrect shoes) please ensure you write a short note/email to your child's teacher.

**Updated information:** Please be reminded that any updated personal information (phone number, address etc.) should be changed at the school office. This is so we can update our student management system.

**Absence:** Should your child be absent from school, please ensure the office is notified by 8:45am. It is a legal requirement that children attend school regularly. Failure to notify the school of an adequate justified reason could result in a truancy referral.

**Lateness:** If your child arrives at school after 8:30am. Please ensure they report to the office to receive a late pass.

**Medication:** No medication should be kept in children's bags. Please leave this with the office so we can keep it safe and administer during the day.

**Lunches:** Please be aware that we are a water/milk only school and only one treat item is allowed. It's great to see so many healthy lunches – thank you all for being on to it.

**Cell Phones:** If for any reason a cell phone is brought into school, this is to be left at the office where it will be locked away and looked after until the end of the day.

**Early Pick up:** Please report to the office for early release of any students. You will receive a pass to give to your child's teacher. No pass, no release. If the adult collecting your child is not on our database we must have notification from the parent/caregiver of the child or your child will not be released.

**Congratulations**

We say congratulations to Miss Campbell who gets married on Saturday. We wish her all the best and hope that all goes well. She will be returning with a new name...Mrs Manson in Term 4.

**...and finally...**

With term 4 upon us the weather will hopefully be changing too. This means students will be required to wear the school cap by the first week of November. If your child has lost their school cap a

replacement can be purchased from the school office for \$10. As we do not handle much money over the counter the school does not have eftpos or large quantities of change, so please bring the correct money with you.

Have a fantastic break with your children whatever you have planned. Make sure you spend quality time together outside and enjoying being a family!

M. Williams  
Principal

**Friday 28  
September**

**MUFTI DAY for  
all students**