

Term 2 Week 12 2020 - Kahikatea

Dear Whanau/Parents/Caregivers

- **Art:** This week the students started working on their Maui and the Sun artwork. They have started drawing the sun and added flames, and they have all learnt how to plait flax. Some have yet to master the skill of keeping their plait tight but all students have managed to complete one plaited flax rope in preparation for their artwork. They look amazing!!
- **Cross country:** Please remember that the school cross country is to be held on the last day of the term (Friday the 3rd of July). Students must come to school in their uniform but are able to run the cross country in their house colours. Mangatangi = Red, Mangatawhiri = Green, Wairoa = Blue, Cossey = Yellow
- **Reading With Children:**
It is really important that students continue to read over the holiday to continue to build their vocabulary and love of books and reading. Below are 10 benefits and advantages of reading with your children.

1. **Reading to young children sets them up to succeed**
2. **Reading is important to develop language skills**
3. **Exposure to reading exercises your child's brain**
4. **Reading enhances a child's concentration**
5. **Reading together encourages a thirst for knowledge**
6. **A range of books teaches children about different topics**

7. **Reading develops a child's imagination and creativity**
8. **Reading books with children helps to develop empathy**
9. **Books are a form of entertainment**
10. **Reading together helps to create a bond**

Remember to keep reading each night from your book selection at home please and record this in their Kluwell book.

- **Trees for Survival:** All students in the class helped empty the growing unit this week to prepare our plants for planting day. They removed the dead leaves and weeds from the plants and removed any dead plants from the crates. All plants were grouped into categories and sizes and the students learnt their names. Once our new seedlings arrive toward the end of Term 3 the students will be involved in planting the seedlings into plastic bags and putting these into the growing unit. They did a fantastic job this week and we may have some future botanists within the students of Kahikatea.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

