

MISS K'S SUPER NEWS!

ROOM 4 2023

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GREETINGS!

Kia ora, tatou - Hello, everyone! As I look to the 2023 school year, I am very much looking forward to teaching your children. They are a wonderful and talented group of students and I'm confident we are going to have a fantastic year together. This newsletter highlights a few of the many engaging and hands-on activities we plan to do during 2023.

SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

In our Science studies, we'll be taking a virtual time travel trip as we explore what life was like before humans existed and the ways in which certain species (animals, plants, etc.) faced extinction. To complement these studies, we'll visit the Auckland Zoo and the Auckland War Memorial Museum. In Social Studies, the students will "play" *Where in Aoteroa is Carmen Sandiego?*, based on the popular video game and television series. They'll uncover clues as to the whereabouts of Carmen Sandiego as she 'travels' New Zealand. They'll then become "Video Tour Guides" to introduce viewers to the different regions of Aotearoa New Zealand.

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TECHNOLOGY

Miss K's class consistently engages in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) group challenges, such as designing and building *Spaghetti Towers*. We'll not only complete several fun and educational STEM challenges, but we'll also create Stop Frame Animation projects with Lego and cameras/tablets.

STUDENT-DRIVEN LEARNING

I am adapting Room 4's afternoon programme to provide opportunities for student-driven learning at various "learning centres" set up in the classroom. Each week, students will choose their weekly learning focus from a selection of high-interest and hands-on learning experiences that incorporate maths, the arts, finance, coding, culinary arts, career studies, writing, and hard materials (i.e., woodwork and construction).

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THE WRITING REVOLUTION

I am very excited to continue the students' study of expository (i.e., informative, non-fiction) writing, with a focus on crafting complex sentences, paragraphs, and compositions. The students will plan, revise, and edit their writing using skills that will help them to become the clear, confident, and capable writers ready for college and the workforce.

LANGUAGES

Haere mai! Bienvenue, tous le monde! Welcome!

In 2023, I will not only provide students with ongoing *Te Reo Māori* instruction, I will also provide students with second language instruction in French (*le français*). We will explore greetings, introductions, foods, songs, cultural icons, and regions around the world in which French is spoken – paying particular attention to France, Canada (e.g., Quebec and New Brunswick), and French Polynesia (e.g., Tahiti and New Caledonia).

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ROOM 4'S "WAIPIPI POST"

In 2023, Room 4 students will become bona fide *reporters* and *writers*. Together, we will create a periodic newspaper written from the students' perspective with interviews, stories, essays, surveys, photography, fun facts, movie reviews, and *Learn Te Reo Māori With Us!* vocabulary.

WEBSITE

As in previous years, parents and whānau will be able to visit Miss K's website to access learning activities, printable resources, important notices, key dates, and photographs highlighting students' learning. You are welcome to visit Miss K's website at www.misskoopmans.com. You may contact her at kirsti@waipipi.school.nz.

Have a restful and safe summer.
I can't wait to teach you in 2023!