

## Speeches

This term all Kauri Team children are preparing speeches to say to their class. The best speakers from each class will then say their speech to the whole of Kauri Team. The winner will then go on to the interschool speech finals at Gladstone School.

Giving a speech fits in with our You Can Do It focus this term on being confident. Public speaking was ranked in a recent survey as peoples' number one fear. Death only came in at number two.

We will be giving a lot of time and support in class time but much of the preparation will need to be done for homework. Children need to decide what type of speech they want to give. A speech can entertain, educate or persuade. They then need to research their chosen topic. Once they have done that, they write and rehearse their speech.

Here are some good websites that have useful information and topic ideas.

<http://www.write-out-loud.com/how-to-write-a-speech-for-kids.html>

<http://www.buzzle.com/articles/interesting-speech-topics-for-kids.html>

<http://www.speech-topics-help.com/>

<http://www.best-speech-topics.com/speech-topics-for-kids.html>

## Camp

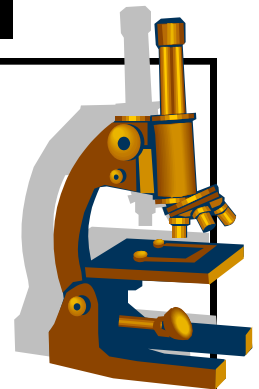
We had a fantastic time at camp last term. The weather on the first day was atrocious but it wasn't enough to dampen our enthusiasm. All the children who went to camp did many exciting activities that they had never done before.

Once again, we would like to thank those parents who helped us on camp. Without your support we wouldn't have been able to organise such a wonderful experience for the children.

**Unfortunately there is still a number of families who have not yet paid for their child's camp. If you have not settled your camp fee can you please make arrangements with the school office. We cannot afford to carry this extra cost.**

## Science

Our main focus throughout the term is on science. We will be looking at the properties of solids, liquids and gases. We will conduct different experiments, make observations and record our results. The children will learn how to organise and conduct fair testing.



## Production Time

Last term we went to Wesley Intermediate School and watched their production "Puss in Jandals." It was very exciting to see so many ex-Owairaka School pupils taking leading roles.

This term, we are flying to the planet Nizagim. It is a mythical, magical place with strange creatures and trees. All of Kauri Team are involved in this exciting production on September 8 and 9.

The main cast have already begun to learn their lines, songs and dances. The rest of us are playing in the orchestra, choreographing dances, singing in the choir, acting on stage and working behind the scenes.

Thank you to all the parents who contact their child's teacher via email when they want to ask a question or if they have an issue to discuss. Don't wait for parent interviews if you have something you want to make your child's teacher aware of.

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