

Dear Parents/Guardians

SCIENCE KNOWLEDGEATHON

This term Reremoana School is once again holding a Knowledge-athon! This is a major fundraising event this year, with monies raised contributing towards paying for equipment and enhancement for our new turf, as well as providing an all important opportunity for children to improve their Science general knowledge.

What is a Knowledge-athon?

This is a pledge/sponsorship type fundraiser whereby students will be challenged to learn the answers to a list of questions. Our Knowledge-athon has a theme of "Science".

There are 4 levels of questions; your child will be put on the appropriate level for them to have the right balance of challenge and success. Generally speaking the Kiwi and Piwakawaka Teams will be Level 1, Pukeko Level 2, Tui Level 3 and Kereru Level 4, however there may be some Kereru students for example, who are working at Level 3 and some Piwakawaka students who try Level 2.

Level 1	25 questions
Level 2	Level 1 plus an additional 25 questions (50 in total)
Level 3	Level 2 plus an additional 25 questions (75 in total)
Level 4	Level 3 plus an additional 25 questions (100 in total)

Students in the Kiwi and Piwakawaka teams will answer questions verbally; other teams will be required to write their answers down. Students in the Tui and Kereru teams will be expected to spell their answers correctly, too!

It is expected that the children will need parent (or older sibling) support to learn the answers. Some time in class may also be given for students to practice.

Sponsorship

Children are asked to collect sponsorship pledges. Each child has received a sponsorship card to record these on. They might ask family, friends, neighbours or parents' work colleagues. Children are not to go door to door or approach people that they don't know, please.

Sponsorship can be offered per percentage they get correct (i.e. a certain amount like 20c per percentage of questions answered correctly) or just give a one off donation.

This year we also have the option of gathering sponsorship via Givealittle. This means that even if your friends and relatives are not in our town, you can hit them up for sponsorship. Givealittle sponsorship can only be by way of a one off donation. Be assured that individual sponsorship is able to be recorded using the Givealittle page *although it will not be available until next week.*

The link to our Knowledgeathon Givealittle page is [here](#).

Knowledge-athon timeline

Week 3	Sponsorship forms home, children to start collecting sponsors. Questions and answers go home. Children start to learn the answers for their level/s
Weeks 4, 5, 6	Learning and sponsorship gathering continues
Week 7	(31 August - 4 Sept) Knowledge-athon testing takes place.
Weeks 8, 9	Children collect their sponsorship money and return forms and money to school. All money to be at school by Wed 23 September at the latest, please.
Week 10	Knowledgeathon Winners announced

Prizes!

There are fabulous prizes to be won for the students who raise the most money, and a hub competition as well. More information regarding the competitions and prizes to come!

If you have any questions about the knowledge-athon please contact lynnf@reremoana.school.nz or juliec@reremoana.school.nz