



# Rākau Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau o Rākau,

What a fantastic Term 1 we had! From the energy of the triathlon and cross country to the joy of getting to know one another, Term 1 was a huge success. We are excited to be back and jumping straight into our Term 2 mahi.

We begin with SMART testing in the first fortnight to track progress, leading toward reports and interviews at the end of the term. With exciting field trips and engaging lessons ahead, it's going to be a busy, high-energy term of learning! We are also excited to have our new outdoor space - Te Ruruhou - available as we head into the wetter, colder winter months.

Remember, we are always here for a kōrero or to answer any questions so please stop in and see us.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Your Rākau kaiako - Donna, Leah, Jimmy, Fraser, Ang, Candis and Cheryl



## Dates

## What's happening in Term 2?

### APRIL

- 27th - Anzac Day (observed)
- 28th - Inter-school Football Tournament
- 29th - Autism Awareness Day
- 29th - Harbour Clean Up

### MAY

- 1st - Triathlon Assembly
- 4th - Rm 14 & 15 Pātaka Trip
- 7th - Tough Guy & Gal
- 11th - Rm 11 & 12 Pātaka Trip
- 12th - Inter-school Cross Country
- 15th - Pink Shirt Day
- 18th - Rm 13 Pātaka Day

### JUNE

- 1st - King's Birthday
- 2nd - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am
- 4th - National Young Leaders Day - Year 6
- 29th - Reports sent home

### JULY

- 1st, 2nd - Learning Conferences
- 3rd - Term 2 ends 3pm



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### Maths

This term in Pāngarau, we are doing a deep dive into addition and subtraction to help our students become confident mathematicians. We are starting with simple addition and subtraction before moving on to renaming and tackling larger three-digit numbers. We'll be keeping things fun and active by playing games that help our learning stick, so please keep practicing those basic facts at home!

### Literacy

Our writers are aiming to master simple, compound, and complex sentence structures and expansion. We will dip into three genres: to entertain, inform, and persuade. Reading focuses on fluency, phonics, and comprehension, with links to inquiry to help students make deeper connections. Please keep sending book bags to school every Thursday.

### Kaupapa Māori

A big focus will be on reciting pepeha and kōrero tuakiri, especially for our Year 3s as we head towards noho ā kura in Term 3. Alongside this, some reo topics we will cover include time, weather, and seasons, as well as locatives, and useful classroom vocabulary and sentences.

### Inquiries

We are exploring the symbols of Pasifika Art. Tamariki will then focus on being kaitiaki and be conducting a waste audit to see how rubbish impacts our harbour. They will give this waste a new life by transforming it into artwork that promotes sustainability. This project combines creativity with a commitment to keeping our community and waterways clean.

### PE

PE kicks off in Week 1 with swimming skills and water safety. Alongside this in Weeks 1-4, Cricket Wellington will be running a cricket skills and drills program. For the remainder of the term, the focus shifts to Target and Invasion Games. We encourage tamariki to have sensible footwear and water bottles ready for action each week.

### Māra ki te Tepu

Our Māra ki te Tepu program will focus on composting and reducing rubbish. Our tamariki will turn organic scraps into nutrient-rich soil to feed our garden. During our wholeschool waste audit we will be looking at what the Rākau syndicate throw away. We'll be focusing on ways to minimise class rubbish, with a specific focus on managing soft plastics more effectively.

The best way to contact us is by email.  
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**Donna Glenn** - Rm 11  
**Leah Merewater** - Rm 12  
**Fraser Asghar** - Rm 14  
**Ang Strand** - Rm 15