

# RĀKAU NEWS

• Term 2, 2023

## Dates

24 Apr - Teacher Only Day

25 Apr - Anzac Day

1 May - Te Ahi Ora Rm 7, 8 2 May - Te Ahi Ora Rm 9

5 May - Whole School Cross Country PP 8 May

8 May - Pōwhiri 9am

15 - 19 May - Book Week 18 May - Book Week Parade & Assembly

16, 17, 18, 19 May - Rākau Swimming

26 May - Electives Begin

1st and 2nd June - School Photos

5 June - King's Birthday

19 June - Pōwhiri 9am

27 June - Parent Teacher Interviews

28 June - Parent Teacher Interviews school closing at 1pm today

30 June - Term 2 Ends



We love to keep you updated with your child's achievements and we use Seesaw to do this. If you can not access Seesaw, please let your child's teacher know.

## Hoki mai Rākau whānau - Welcome Back

Kia ora Rākau whānau, what a fantastic and busy start to the year we've had here at kura! Term 2 is packed full of plenty more learning experiences and fun for our tamariki, from Book Week, to swimming, to electives and then ending the term with parent teacher interviews, there's plenty to look forward to!

#### **Book Week**

This year for Book Week we will be encouraging all children within our kura to make their own character costume to wear on dress up day to celebrate Book Week.

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We want to pump this among our senior children, so it would be great to hear of children discussing ideas for costumes with whānau and whānau encouraging them to collect supplies at home to support their costume design and creation at school. More information will come out about Book Week but keep this in the back of your mind.

Nā, The Rākau Team



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM

## Swimming

During week 4 (also book week), all our Rākau children will be participating in structured swimming lessons down at Te Rauparaha Arena.

There is no cost for whānau for this; however, we do expect that all children will be in the water as we know that learning how to swim and be safe within and around water is an important life skill to have. More information will come next term from your child's kaiako.

## KURA Kowhiri

Back by popular demand in Term 2 with a new name are Electives now known as KURA Kōwhiri. This will happen from Week 5-9 on Fridays. Children will have opportunity to make their selection early in Term 2 and we know they will have a lot of fun participating in their chosen option.

## <u>Homework</u>

*Maths-Whizz* - 3x 15 minute sessions a week on top of what your child does in class. If this isn't possible at home we can accommodate by making computers available before school.

Reading daily - We encourage your child to read daily at home with personal choice books. Regular reading is what makes great readers. The importance of this can't be emphasised enough.



Hub whakatauki

He Waka Eke Noa

We're all in this together

