



RĀKAU NEWS

• Term 2, 2024 •

Nau mai, haere mai i te whānau o Rākau

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!



Dates

APRIL

29th - Mihi Whakataua

MAY

6th - Weetbix Triathlon, Swimming starts

7th - Fire Poi 4:30pm-6:30pm

15th - Inter-school Cross Country Y3-6

17th - Electives start

20th - Book Week starts

22nd - Tough Guy n Gal

24th - TOD (no school)

27th - Samoan Language Wk

JUNE

3rd - King's birthday (no school)

4th - Mihi Whakataua

6th - School Photo Day

12th - Inter-school Netball Y4-6

17th - Pride Week

27th - Matariki Breakfast

28th - Matariki (no school)

JULY

1st - Reports on Seesaw

2nd - Regional Cross Country

3rd - Parent Teacher Interviews

4th - Parent Teacher Interviews, school ends 1pm

5th - Term 2 ends 3pm



Seesaw is our primary platform for communication. Please ensure that you are logged into Seesaw and that you have notifications enabled. We wouldn't want you to miss out on any important information or learning updates.



What's happening this term?



Swimming

During week 2, all our Rākau children will be participating in structured swimming lessons down at Te Rauparaha Arena. It is essential that all children have their togs, towel and goggles (optional) to actively participate. 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.

Aotearoa Histories

This term our Inquiry focus will be on Aotearoa Histories. Our focus will be on 'Wāhine Toa - Strong women'. We will be learning about Mana Whenua, local women from Ngāti Toa Rangatira. Tamariki will then be encouraged to research and present information on an influential wāhine from their whānau or culture. We look forward to exploring this topic in classes with our tamariki. Be sure to look out for their key learning displayed on Seesaw!

Book Week

This year's Book Week is in Week 4 and is full of fun school wide activities:

- Monday - Buddy class reading
- Tuesday - House activity afternoon (tamariki wear their house colour t-shirt)
- Wednesday - Book swap (Tamariki can swap up to 5 books)
- Thursday - Book Week Dress up Parade and Assembly.

Homework

Maths-Whizz: Your child is expected to complete three 15-minute sessions per week in addition to their in-class activities.

Spelling and reading log: Your child should be bringing home a small notebook every day with spelling words and a reading log. If your child reads every day and fills out their log, they will receive an incentive at the end of the term.

Electives

Electives are this term from week 3-8. Every student will get the opportunity to immerse themselves in an activity of interest. Recreational, arts and crafts, sports, the list goes on.

Electives will run during the middle block each Friday and an elective celebration will take place in week 8 to show off their learning. We can't wait to see what everyone gets up to.

Fire Poi

We are excited to have Te Ahi Ora back in our KURA to do another year of Fire Poi with our tamariki. Fire performance showcases incredible skill and provides entertainment for both participants and spectators, leading to increased confidence, improved mental well-being, enhanced physical health, and stronger community connections. Rākau students will get the chance to learn Fire Poi on Tuesday 7th May. There will be a chance to showcase their skills at school on the same day from 4.30pm-6.30pm.

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