



RĀKAU NEWS

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Hoki mai Rākau whānau - Welcome Back

And just like that, it's Term 3!

When we look back at Term 2, it was huge. On top of our always busy classroom programme, extra learning was made possible by Mel from the Heart Foundation and ākonga from Mana College. Along with NZ Sign Language Week, Book Week, Swimming and Matariki learning, we were pretty lucky. Term 3 brings many more exciting things and we are rearing to get back into things at full steam. As always, reach out if you have any questions or need any support with your child's learning at home.

Nā, Rākau



Dates

JULY

- 17th - Maths Week starts
- 18th - Ko Wai Au sessions
- 24th - Pōwhiri
- 26th - Rm 7 planting trees at Whitireia Park
- 31st - Cook Island Language Week starts

AUGUST

- 17/18th - TBI production trip
- 21st - Pōwhiri
- 28th - EPro8 week starts

SEPTEMBER

- 4th - Tongan Language Week starts
- 6th - Junior school show
- 7th - Senior school show
- 11th - Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori starts
- 22nd - Term 3 ends 3pm

Hub whakatauki

He Waka Eke Noa

We're all in this together



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM



Maths

Term 3 kicks off with Maths Week in Week 1, where there will be different challenges and problems to get involved in. Following that, Rākau will be looking into directions and mapping, before linking our inquiry into learning around geometry while looking at creating logos for students' mock campaigns.

Inquiry

We are excited to be looking into Aotearoa Histories this term, with our focus being on different styles of leadership and decision making through the years. We will also touch on some of the controversial decisions that have been made in our history. Towards the end of the term, ākonga will be running mock elections where they campaign for what our last day of term will look like.

Hauora / Health

This term we have our Relationships and Sexuality lessons taking place on Mondays and Fridays. Year 5 students will be in sessions with the Year 5 & 6 students from Ngāhere, while Year 4s will be taught separately based on the resource we use.

To start the term in PE we will be learning skills within net and wall games, and we will be starting gymnastics later in the term.

Literacy

Our literacy programmes will continue to focus on increasing reading mileage and reading comprehension through a variety of different stories and texts. We will look at persuasive writing and reports to inform others, while we also continue to strengthen the basics like spelling, punctuation and handwriting.

Ko Wai Au

Ko Wai Au is a programme which aims to increase resilience among Year 4 to 8 tamariki. It covers three strands: physical; cultural; and social. Influenced by the Rock and Water Programme, it teaches tamariki that they have a choice in how they approach any situation. Either a Rock approach, or a Water approach.. We are very lucky to have the external experts come in to deliver this programme.

Homework

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 logs - This continues from last term, where students have a goal of filling in their log every day to increase their reading mileage! The importance of this can't be emphasised enough.

The best way to contact us is via seesaw or email:

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