



# RĀKAU NEWS

• Term 4, 2023 •

## Hoki mai Rākau whānau - Welcome Back

It's hard to believe that it is Term 4 already!

We are so incredibly proud of all the mahi our ākonga powered through last term, especially with our look at leadership and decision making throughout NZ history, and with the outstanding school show. This term brings even more excitement with EOTC activities, play performances, traditional Māori games, athletics and team games in the beautiful summer bay weather. Our KURA focus this term is on kindness so there will be many conversations about this as students slowly start to think about 2024 and get tired as the term progresses.

Nā, Rākau



## Dates

### OCTOBER

**11th** - Mihi whakataū

**23rd** - Labour Day - no school

**27th** - School Athletics Day

### NOVEMBER

**2nd/3rd** - Y4/5 EOTC days

**10th** - Inter School Athletics Day

**13th** - Mihi whakataū

**17th** - Teacher Only Day - school closed for instruction

**30th** - Ki o Rahi tournament

### DECEMBER

**5th** - Regional Athletics Day

**6th** - Whānau night - Kura on the Green

**8th** - T4 Reports posted

**13th** - 2024 class visits

**15th** - Term 4 ends 12pm

Hub whakataūki

*He Waka Eke Noa*

We're all in this together



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM



### Maths

In Term 4 our maths programme will be split between statistics, time and algebra. We'll be spending a few weeks on each area with lots of different activities happening across the team. As always, Maths Whizz will be a part of our programme that can be continued at home, with ākonga aiming to gain at least 4 progressions a week.

### Reading

Reading in Rākau will focus on plays, diving into character development, story lines, setting, punctuation and more! This will lead into ākonga creating their own props and backdrops later in the term where they will be performing plays to an audience. We are excited about the creativity, collaboration and confidence that will shine through.

### Writing

With strong links to our reading programme, we will be having a narrative focus for writing, with students applying their learning about character development and storylines into their own stories. We'll also be strengthening skills in publishing as we move through the term. Keep an eye out for some awesome pieces of work!

### Hauora

Ko Wai Au continues this term, with each class having one session a week. Kids and kaiako loved these sessions in Term 3 so we're looking forward to continuing! Alongside this, we'll be running athletics sessions at the start of Term in the lead up to Athletics Day in Week 3. Then we'll be playing lots of teams games in the beautiful bay weather, with a striking and fielding focus. Please also remember Term 4 is a sunhat term.

### EOTC Activities

In Week 4, we will be breaking out the plans that had to be shelved in Term 1 (because of bad weather) and running some EOTC days with all of the Year 4s and 5s. We will be biking to Onehunga Bay and walking to Whitireia Park. If you would like to offer help on either the Thursday or Friday, look out for an email early in Term 4. This will be sent to whānau that have said they may sometimes be available to help.

### 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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