



# RĀKAU NEWS

• Term 1, 2024 •

## Nau mai haere mai i te whānau o Rākau

Kia ora whānau and welcome to 2024!

We are excited to introduce the new Rākau hub for the year with Reece Kennedy joining Allie Waters and Jimmy Steele in the Year 4 hub. We are also lucky to have Del Gardner, Sarah Taylor and Nicolas Pile bringing their expertise to Rākau and working with tamariki during kaiako release sessions. We know that 2024 is going to be jam packed with exciting learning and activities, and we are really looking forward to getting to know all of your tamariki. We will be guiding them into the senior school and helping them to get the very best out of their time with us. Please touch base if you have any questions or if you need to let us know anything.

Mā te wā, Rākau.



## Dates

### **FEBRUARY**

**7th** - Mihi whakatau 10am

**15th** - Meet the Teacher evening 4:30pm - 6:00pm

**22nd/23rd** - Y4/5 EOTC

### **MARCH**

**11th** - Mihi whakatau 9:15am

**29th** - Good Friday (school closed)

### **APRIL**

**1st** - Easter Monday (school closed)

**2nd** - Easter Tuesday (school closed)

**6th** - School triathlon

**8th** - Postponement date for school triathlon

**12th** - Last day of Term 1



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## What's happening this term?



### Everyday Legends

While a huge part of Term 1 is building connections and establishing routine, we will also be looking into Everyday Legends and Heroes. What makes a legend or hero, what are our own individual superhero powers, how can we be legends at kura, who are our local heroes and how can we be a hero within our community. Lots of exciting activities to engage with!

### Core Subjects

Reading, writing and maths will be linked to our Everyday Legends and Heroes topic through a variety of different activities and experiences, while we also emphasise the basics of our programmes. Our structured literacy programme will kick start very quickly this term. We are looking forward to kapa haka sessions starting from day 2 and getting outside for PE during this summer term.

### Sun Smart

Term 1 is a Sun Smart term. Please apply sunscreen before school if possible. We have sunscreen at school but encourage the tamariki to come to school prepared. Please make sure your child brings a named hat to school every day. If it is helpful they can always leave their hat in their tote tray. Our school rule is - No hat, No play!

### Tri-training

With the school triathlon happening in Wk 9, Rākau's bike sessions will be starting from Wk 2, before bringing in full triathlon training from Wk 6. Alongside bike skills at the start the term we will include cooperative games and fitness in PE rotations. In the coming days, your child will know which day their bike rotation will be, so they can bring their own bike and helmet from home.

### EOTC days

We have again jumped at the chance to explore our beautiful piece of paradise with EOTC (education outside the classroom) in Wk 3. This will include some hikoi, activities outside of school and team building. Thank you to those whānau who indicated on the blanket consent form that they may possibly be able to provide support - we will be in touch very soon to confirm.

### Assessment

We will be spending time doing formal and informal assessments with our ākongā/ students to get to know them and their learning as best we can. Combined with the data our colleagues in Koru have passed to us, we will use our assessments to identify the next learning steps across different skills and curriculum areas.

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