



RĀKAU NEWS

• Term 3, 2024 •

Kia ora e te whānau o Rākau,

Thank you so much to those of you who came in for interviews in Week 10, we love these opportunities to connect in a more formal setting and celebrate our ākonga. Term 3 is looking to be just as action-packed as the last two terms; first aid activities, Olympics, science experiments, gymnastics, a Pātaka excursion, art and numerous language weeks to celebrate! Of course we'll still be doing lots of reading, writing and maths to keep pushing the progress we have been seeing. Term 3 is always a big learning term and this one will be no different. Remember to sing out to us if you need any extra support or have any questions throughout the term. Seesaw and email are great ways to keep in touch, but we also love it when you pop in to see us too.

Ngā mihi nui,

Your Rākau kaiako



Dates

JULY

22nd - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am
23rd - 26th - St John

AUGUST

5th - Cook Island Language Week
16th - Disco
19th - Tongan Language Week
26th - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am
28th - Rippa Rugby Tournament Y3-6

SEPTEMBER

Ngahere/Rākau Pataka Trip
16-20 Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Language Week
24th - Redwood Sports Exchange
27th - School finishes 3pm



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What's happening this term?



Olympics

For the first half of the term we will be diving into the Olympics, with maths, reading, writing and health all being linked to this event. We'll be tackling different genres of writing while still focusing on individual learning goals, reading and researching about olympians and sports, and also some measurement too. Let's celebrate so many cultures coming together.

Science

The second half of the term brings what so many ākonga have been asking for: science! We'll be looking at chemical changes with a number of different hands-on activities. If you work in this area and have some cool ideas, stories, activities or resources, sing out because we always love linking with our whānau.

PE Rotations

Our main PE focus this term will be class rotations around fitness, gymnastics and net-and-wall games (think padder tennis or squash style games). These rotations will be happening every Friday while we will also be taking other opportunities to just get out, burn some energy and strengthen collaboration skills through games.

Homework

Maths-Whizz and Steps Web: Digital programmes which are accessible at home for kids to continue their learning. All students have their own login.
Reading Logs: We've seen a slight uptick in the number of students jumping on board with this - let's keep it going!
Spelling: We're trying a digital approach to spelling words this term - keep an eye out in Seesaw for what this looks like.

Te Ao Māori

We're kicking off the term learning how to say and understand descriptive sentences, focussing on colour and size of different objects around the classroom. Later in the term, Rākau and Ngahere will head down to Pātaka to learn heaps of information about The Story of Ngāti Toa Rangatira.

Calendar Art

It's that time of year again where our art links into producing calendar art! You'll see more information about how to purchase calendars (and other available items) later in the term. Based on the skills we've seen from the Rākau ākonga so far, we are excited about what they produce for this piece!

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