



Rākau Pānui



Kia ora e te whānau o Rākau,
Bring on the next summer term! While Term 4 is always a fantastic time of year as we can get outside more and people count down to an exciting time of year, we also have lots of cool science activities planned to link throughout our programmes which we are very excited about. As the term goes on, we'll also have some days where the Ngahere Year 5 students join us as their Year 6s prepare for leavers activities. Term 4 is also a big time for end of year assessments so these will start taking place after the first few weeks of term. Whaea Vicky, the student teacher in Rm 13, will continue working in Rākau for the first 4 weeks of term, too. As always, if you have any questions or feel like a chat, let us know. Ngā mihi nui, your Rākau kaiako.



Dates

OCTOBER

14-18 Niuean Language Week
Mihi Whakatau 9:15am
25th - Teacher Only Day
28-01 Nov - Tokelauan Language Week
30th - Rāroa Performing Arts Roadshow
30th - Ki-o-Rahi Y3-6
31st - Whole school athletics

NOVEMBER

18th - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am

DECEMBER

11th - Kura on the Green
20th - School finishes 12pm



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What's happening in term 4?

Maths

Our maths programme will include lots of links to the science units we are doing, including probability, fractions, and patterns and algebra before we start to revisit some past learning and bring in more collaborative problem solving activities. As always, we will always be encouraging ākonga to be using Maths Whizz at home and practicing their times tables.

Literacy

Also linking into our science contexts, reading and writing will focus on writing in different contexts and for a variety of audiences and purposes. Some of this will relate to reading and writing diagrams, instructions, explanations and using observations and senses to add detail to writing. Our spelling programme will also be continuing as usual.

Kaupapa Māori

Te reo Māori - we will be learning kupu (words) and sentences focused around kai and describing kai. These will build on our Term 3 lessons where we practised describing and naming objects from around the classroom. We will also be learning some tikanga around kai and taking part in tuakana/teina sit down lunches with buddy classes.

PE

With athletics day taking place in Week 3, the first few weeks of term we will have athletics rotations with Ngahere. After that, we will be taking advantage of all the sunshine coming our way and moving onto striking and fielding games outside to build a wide variety of skills.

Science

A big focus for the term is science, diving into a new science kit and topic every fortnight. We have booked a variety of kits to introduce the ākonga to different contexts in which to be scientists. We will be learning about 'Super Senses', 'Big Blue Future', and 'Fireworks'. We also have a facilitator from House of Science coming in to work with us.

SunSmart

Term 4 is a SunSmart term. Please apply sunscreen before school. Make sure your child brings a clearly labelled hat that can stay in the classroom.

Our school rule is:
No hat, no play!



The best way to contact us is via Seesaw.

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