



RIMU TEAM

Newsletter Term 1 2024

Reminders

1. Correct uniform is expected
2. Hats need to be worn in this hot weather
3. No hats in assembly
4. Please return contact and consent forms ASAP
5. Stationery can be purchased through Kindo. Please contact the office if you have any questions.
6. BYOD devices such as laptops, Chromebooks, and iPads are welcome at school
7. Ice blocks for sale every Friday \$1
8. Year 7 New Navigators Week 3
9. Eastern Zones Softball Week 6
10. Camp in Week 9!
11. Easter holidays 29/03 - 02/04 no school!
12. Year 7 Bike Skills Week 10
13. Eastern Zones Tag Week 10
14. Term 1 ends 12/04

Welcome back!

Kia ora, Kia orana, Faka alofa lahi atu, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Bula vinaka, Kamusta, Ni hao, Xin chao, Hola, and many warm greetings to you all.

The Rimu Team teachers for 2024 are Mrs Michelle Love (Team Leader, Room 11), Mr Tertius De Villiers (Room 10), Mr David Muir (Room 15), Ms Gillian Lolesi (Technology), and Mrs Jan West (Release).

All students have started the year well and are settling into their new classes and bonding with fellow students. This warm weather is great, however, it is very important that your child has a hat to wear when they go outside. Hats must be either a bucket hat or cricket hat, navy blue in colour. Try the \$2 shops and Postie Plus!

Curiosity, Purpose, Wonder:

CPW provides the focus for other curriculum areas. This term the focus is **War and Peace** "War, what is it good for?" Student will explore the New Zealand Histories Curriculum and understand that Aotearoa's history reflects the challenges, conflicts, and significant changes that have occurred over time. Students will also understand the role individuals, groups and societies play in fostering lasting peace amidst the ever-changing global landscape. What an exciting concept to learn about!

Physical Education:

Swimming starts in Week 2. Swimming is a compulsory curriculum area and all students should be bringing their togs and towel on their class swimming days. They will learn the basics of floating to survive in the water through to swimming lengths of the pool. Students will also be developing their fundamental skills with small balls. This will include softball which will be played at lunchtime for any students interested in competing in the Eastern Zones tournament on Tuesday 5 March.

Mathematics:

This term we are looking at Number & Algebra and the Strand is Measurement. We will be completing basic facts tests twice a term so please make sure your child practices their basic facts and times tables every night.

We are continuing with Problem Solving maths this year where students will be given word problems using familiar contexts to them. This allows them to share their understanding using their maths knowledge and strategies.

Literacy:

The purpose for writing this term is to inform. Information is an integral part of all cultures and languages. From a young age, children are exposed to vast amounts of information that shapes their understanding of the world. Through teaching writing to inform, students are able to communicate knowledge in a structured manner and form new understandings in a variety of ways. They are able to develop texts to which they feel a strong personal connection, developing a sense of authorship and ownership to engage their selected audience in an informative context. Teachers are able to directly target the differentiated writing needs of their students in accordance with the text types that they chose to accelerate their writing achievement.

Questions or concerns?

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Technology:

Ms Lolesi is starting off in week 2 with an introduction to Technology. From week 3 classes will go to the technology room and be creative with their sewing skills.