

# RĀTĀ TEAM NEWSLETTER

## Term 2 2026

Kia ora lovely whānau,

We are super excited to be back after the break and have a wonderful 11 weeks of learning, fun and excitement planned this term. We are really looking forward to meeting with each of you to share and celebrate your child's learning progress at our upcoming parent conferences. You can book these at the office: pop in and see Mrs Kahika and Mrs Ginders or give them a call on 09 579 4619.

This term we farewell Mrs Love our Year 2/3 Team leader. Baby Love is due to arrive soon - a little sibling to Miss 4. Congratulations Mrs Love and whānau! Cute photos to come soon!

We are so proud of our very own Miss Baker (Ruma 1 teacher) who has made the NZ Vantage Black Sticks team and will head to China this week to play in the Two Lakes Innovation Cup. She will take her BRS HEART with her as she represents New Zealand! Go Miss Baker! We also welcome Mr Zhu, a student teacher from AUT who will be in Ruma 7 for 8 weeks this term. There is a new turf being installed this term - we have said goodbye to our court and are excited to have new games and some colour to play on! Please remember to send your child to school every day, this is where the magic happens! Ngā mihi nui, Mrs Henty, Mrs Love, and the gorgeous Rātā kaiako.

## Radiant Rātā team



## Go Miss Baker!

## CPW/PE/ARTS

In CPW, we are learning about Healthy Bodies - Tinana Hauora. We will be looking to understand how we can look after our bodies hauora and why it is important. In PE we will be focusing on large ball skills (catching, passing, throwing, kicking, trapping) and healthy eating. We begin our PMP (Perceptual Motor Programme) this term after receiving a grant last year to purchase the equipment. This will improve the balance, coordination and core strength of our tamariki. Drama is our Arts focus - to boost our speeches!

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# OUR LEARNING

## LITERACY



BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach) is fully implemented in Rātā. The children will soon be completing their 10-week assessment checks, which guide our whole class teaching and small groupings. Keep an eye out each Monday for the 'Whānau handout' on Seesaw. This gives you information about what your child is learning and ways you can help at home. Our new BSLA Spelling programme has been amazing! Please keep practising at home and keep notebooks in book-bags.

**READ TO** them, **WITH** them and **AROUND** them! AND practice your spelling words!

Our Writing focus is to *entertain*. This is an exciting genre as it allows the children to show creativity and personal expression. We will all be either writing or learning a poem to present at the team speech finals this term. There is an opportunity for the winners of this event to present at the school speech final - EXCITING! More will come out about this in time.

## NUMERACY

We continue our Structured Maths Approach with a strong emphasis on covering the basics to form a strong foundation in Mathematics. This term has a decent number focus followed by Measurement. We remain focused on learning the basic facts fluently. Children from year 2 up are assessed termly for quick and accurate recall of number facts. This supports and strengthens their confidence and ability in Maths.



## Dates to note

Week 2: Monday 27 April ANZAC Day School closed

Sunday 3 May Bunnings sausage sizzle 9-3pm

Week 3: Brake Road Safety Week

NZ Sign Language Week

Parent teacher conferences Wednesday 12.40-6.30pm

Week 4: Friday 15 May Pink shirt day and Mrs Love's last day before Baby Love arrives!

Saturday 16 May Bunnings sausage sizzle

Week 5: International languages week

Week 7:

King's Birthday public holiday: Monday 1 June

Samoa language week

Week 8:

Class speech finals week 8 and 9 (Seesaw for details)

Week 10:

Team speech finals (Seesaw for details)

Matariki celebrations (Official date in the holidays)

Last day of Term 2: Friday 3 July

First day of Term 3: Monday 20 July



## Reminders



Please name all uniform- lost property is located behind Ruma 8 / 9  
Please let our office queens know if you have a child turning 5 this year - we suggest enrolling them as soon as you can.

Please send book bags and spelling books to school everyday

We are a water only school

Attendance matters! Coming to school everyday, grows our brains and makes us gorgeous, smart kids!