



# Rata Team Newsletter



## DATES TO NOTE:

Meet the Teacher evening 5-6pm 15 Feb  
 Swimming carnival 22-23 Feb  
 Whakataetae Whānau night 8 Mar 5.30 pm  
 Takāro Whānau triathlon 15 Mar  
 Easter: 29 Mar - 2 April: School closed  
 Term 1 ends 12 April 2.45pm

### Whole school assemblies 2pm:

9 Feb - Kowhai Team organising  
 1 Mar - Rata Team organising  
 22 Mar - Rimu Team organising  
 5 Apr - Kowhai Team organising  
 12 April 2.30pm Canopy Farewell

### Reminders:

Hats and correct uniform need to be worn - named please  
 Lost property - Back of Room 9  
 Breakfast club daily from 8.30am in Jessop house  
 Ice blocks every Friday \$1  
 Stationery is available to purchase at the office.

## We are back!

Kia ora Rata Whānau!

We hope that you had a lovely summer break and have returned feeling refreshed. The Bailey Road teachers have been back for a while now, preparing an exciting term ahead!

The children have had a wonderful first week getting back into school routines and meeting their new teachers and class mates. We are so fortunate to be welcoming many new students and whānau to our beautiful school. Check out some of the exciting family events we have coming up this term - we would love to see as many families as possible for our Meet the Teacher evening. This is a casual evening where you can come in and your child can show you their classroom and the learning they have been doing. The children are always so proud of their mahi. This also allows you to speak to the teacher and make connections with your child's learning journey.

## Swimming!

### TERM 1 TIMETABLE

MONDAY: ROOM 1 AND ROOM 2  
 TUESDAY: ROOM 3  
 WEDNESDAY: ROOM 7  
 THURSDAY: ROOM 8  
 FRIDAY: ROOM 9



### BRING:

TOGS  
 TOWEL

WATERPROOF BAG

OPTIONAL: GOGGLES

## This is our bread and butter!

There has been a lot in the media about the National Government 'introducing' an hour of Reading, Writing and Maths daily for our tamariki. We assure you, this is absolutely happening in Rata and our policy has always been that where possible, these foundation skills are taught in the first three blocks of the day to ensure they are taught when our children are rested, energised and ready to learn!

## Rata 2024

Mrs Scharmelle Damons Room 7 Year 2/3, Miss Georgia Brown Room 3 Year 1/2, Miss Clare Stewart Room 7 Graduate student Teacher, Miss Hong Wang Room 2 Year 1, Miss Kim Sanchez Room 1 Year 1, Ms Noeline Marks Room 9 Year 2/3, Mr Darius Hedayati Room 8 Year 2/3 and Mrs Ria Henty Rata Team Leader

# CPW - Inquiry (Curiosity Purpose Wonder)

This term our Inquiry is based around 'War, what is it good for?'

This is a powerful unit that allows the children to explore New Zealand's involvement in both war and peace over the years through the New Zealand Histories Curriculum.

## 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. We are hoping to integrate our CPW Inquiry through our writing - imagine all the wonderful research and learning that will happen!



## Physical Education

We are taking advantage of the hot weather to continue our swimming focus. Children learn simple strategies for keeping themselves safe in the water. We promote confidence and enjoyment in our lessons. All of our tamariki are expected to join in, and cool off at the same time! We will also be adding 'Bootcamp' to our Jump Jam fitness rotation and holding Rata team ball skills lessons.

## Mathematics

In Mathematics we are focusing on Number, Algebra and Measurement this term. We are implementing a Structured Maths approach to our teaching kete, this will compliment the problem solving approach to maths that we will still be incorporating into our week. Basic Facts will continue to be a focus so please practise these with your children when they come home with them.



## The Arts

We will be basing our Arts learning around collective projects this term, with the aim of beautifying our lovely school and playground spaces. Each class is going to come up with a design that can be created with every child's input - where possible these will, in time be on display.



## Thank you! Rata Sandpit monitors!



## Introducing: Marii, Sam, Sarge, Bella and Charlotte

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