

Wednesday 7th February

Te Whare Piritahi Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We hope you have all had a relaxing, fun filled break and are ready to dive straight into another school year. This term is sure to be a busy productive term, filled with fun and new learning. This newsletter will outline some important information about Te Whare Piritahi, your child's learning this term as well as key dates to put into your diaries.

You may notice that we have had another name change. Your child is still apart of the Rakau syndicate but within the year 1s and 2s we also have a hub name which is Te Whare Piritahi this means to come together as one. This is a key value in our hub this year and rooms 6,9,17 and 19 will be doing lots of work closely together throughout the year.

Term 1 is a hat term. This means every child must wear a sunhat when they are outside. It is also a good idea to put sunblock on your child in the morning before school. We will also have sunblock in the classroom which children are most welcome to use.

Our Learning in Term 1



Inquiry

This term our focus is all around getting to know each other and what makes us and our families unique. We will also be focusing on building our fitness for the Triathlon on 2th March.

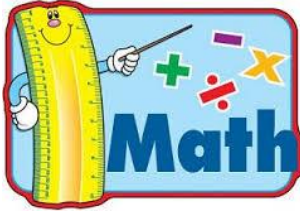




Literacy

During the term, children will continue to build their skills in reading, writing, spelling and printing .

Reading: Depending on your child's reading level they will continue to work on building up their reading strategies to help them to read stories fluently, to work out unknown words and to understand the ideas in the stories. Once these skills are mastered your child will start to dig deeper into stories and apply a range of comprehension strategies such as finding main ideas and inferring to help them better understand what they are reading and why. Reading at home is meant to be fun and easy. This is why your child will be bringing home easy reading books that they have read several times before in class. This will make the reading experience at home fun for all and help your child to feel confident and maintain fluency and expression. To help keep the school books safe please send your child's book bag to school every day.

Writing: students will continue to build on their writing skills through

	<p>daily writing practice. They will be writing to share their opinions, thoughts and feelings around a range of writing topics that are special to them. Please feel free to come into class and read some of the amazing stories your child writes in their writing books and the writing that will be displayed on the classroom walls.</p> <p>Spelling and sounds: Students will continue to have daily spelling and sounds lessons to build up their awareness and knowledge of letter sounds and how they work.</p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>This term we will be focusing on building number knowledge and number strategies for adding and subtracting numbers together. Students will continue to build up their speed with their basic facts to 20, including doubles. Our strand focus for Term 1 is statistics. Children will be learning how to pose questions, collect and collate data. This will be work with a range of different graphs and learn how to read and understand what the data is showing them.</p>
<p>KURA</p>	<p>Our social skill lessons this term will be around forming friendships, showing the 4 KURA values (Kindness, Unity, Respect and Achieve), with a big focus on forming unity and trust within the class and the wider Te whare Piritahi hub. We will work on developing their skills through our Te Manawa time as well as in class lessons and during our Friday syndicate Hui's.</p>
 <p>PE and Health</p>	<p>This term we will be doing triathlon training on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It would be great if your child could bring their bike or scooter and a helmet to school on these days to practice with. It will also make it easier for your child to run if they are in sensible footwear every day as we will be training daily and visiting the Triathlon course regularly. The Triathlon will be on Saturday 2th March. During weeks 6-10 we will be learning basic hockey skills through the Little Sticks programme which will be paid for by school.</p>
 <p>Te Reo and Kapa Haka</p>	<p>This term we will be having Te Reo lessons with Matua Murray during weeks four to eleven.</p> <p>We will have Junior Kapa Haka on a Monday afternoon with the whole of the Rakau and Koru syndicate.</p>

Important Dates

- **Powhiri Dates:** 2nd of February, 28th of February and the 4th of April
- **Waitangi day:** 6th of February School is closed
- **Parent night:** 15th of February 6-7
- **School photos:** 11th of May

- **Triathlon:** 24th of March at Titahi Bay Beach postponement date is April the 7th.
- **Easter:** school closed on 30th of March, 2nd and 3rd of April
- **Last day of Term 1:** 13th of April

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