

# Rimu News - Term 2

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Wow, can you believe we are already halfway through Term 2? We have had a wonderful start although the weather is starting to announce that winter is here!

## Syndicate Culture

This term we are continuing to focus on stepping up as Rimu Syndicate members and showing responsibility, with an emphasis on kindness. We have been 'catching' lots of students being kind both in the class and the playground.

We have some fun challenges between classes each week. Our golden guitar is a hotly sought after trophy. Each class has the opportunity to sing and perform to try and win the guitar. Points are given not only for singing but also for effort and performance...a definite highlight of our syndicate hui.

We also have a syndicate challenge each fortnight. So far we have had tug of war, dodgeball and relays. It is fantastic to see each class working collaboratively, supporting each other and having fun.

## Topic

Our topic for this term is *Colour My World*. We are looking at the arts and incorporating music, visual art, dance and drama into a syndicate rotation. We will also use stop motion to create our own movies, adding a soundscape to enhance the movie. This is a great way to promote learning through the arts and also capture the Adventure Way in action.

## He Māori Ahau

We are lucky enough to have Matua Whaitiri taking this wonderful programme. It gives our Māori students the opportunity to connect with Māoritanga, focusing on positive messages and authentic contexts.

During this time we are also running a rotation for the students who are not involved. The activities are Kapa Haka, Te Ao Kori (movement), Toi Māori (art) and literacy through Myths and Legends.

## **REMINDERS:**

- Toys are not to be brought to school please. This includes 'pop its'. We have noticed that these are very distracting in class!
- Clothing does need to be named.
- We are a nut free school as we do have children with serious allergies therefore no nuts or nut products are to be brought to school please.

If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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