



Adventure School



## Rimu News - Term 2

1 June 2022

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome to term 2...or in fact halfway through term 2. Can you believe it's June already. Someone once told me that the older you get, the faster time goes. I am now realising how true this is!!!

This term we have said a sad goodbye to Mr Wright in Room 18 who got a job at a school closer to his home. As sad as it was to say goodbye, we say a happy welcome to our new staff member, Ms Chris Pike. Chris is an experienced teacher who is a huge asset to our syndicate. Welcome Chris.

We have had a great start to the term with the weather playing its part and us able to get outside a lot.

### Syndicate Culture

This term we continue to focus on kindness and what this looks like here at school. The whakatauki we often use is:

*He aroha whakatō,  
he aroha puta mai.  
If kindness is sown  
then kindness you shall receive.*

### Topic

Our topic for this term is '*May the force be with you*'. We are designing our own bottle rockets using the engineering design process of ask, imagine, create, improve. We have even been delving into Newton's laws of physics! We are looking at thrust, lift, drag and weight, and investigating how these impact flight. We are trying to make our rockets as aerodynamic as we can. Watch out for photos in the newsletter in a couple of weeks.

### Mau Rākau

Each week Mau Rākau gives our Māori students the opportunity to connect with Māoritanga, focusing on positive messages, discipline, self-esteem and leadership all through the use of modified taiaha (Māori staff weaponry). During this time the other students get to participate in Kapa haka, Te Reo Māori (Māori language), Toi Māori (Māori art) and investigate Aotearoa place names and their meanings.

### **REMINDERS**

- Toys are not to be brought to school.
- Clothing needs to be named.
- All students need to have a named drink bottle.
- 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.
- With winter arriving soon, please don't forget to send a box of tissues in if you haven't already done so.
- We do have some chromebooks for the children to use at school, however, it would be much appreciated if your child has their own that they bring to school (charged of course), as it allows us to use them more efficiently.

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

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