



7 February 2023

Kia Ora Nīkau Whānau

The Nīkau Team are excited for the new year and to be working with your children. The Nīkau team comprises of; Richard McQueen (R19), Amy Churchill (R5), Alesha Wilson (R4) Skye Kim (R3) and myself (R2). Tania Bourke is also part of our teaching team; teaching in Room 2 most Thursdays and she will cover most of the CRT release in other Nīkau classrooms.

Our first couple of weeks together will be based on getting to know each other, settling into new rooms with new teachers, and establishing routines. Once these are up and running, we will start working to a more structured timetable. The first three blocks of the day are Literacy and Numeracy based and these are structured to meet the individual needs of students. Other curriculum areas such as Inquiry, Art and PE are taught in the final block of the day. Once a week we also have a discovery session where students choose from a range of activities.

This term our Inquiry is Tēnei Au - This is me. We will be working on building a sense of belonging to our class, syndicate and school and learning about those around us. This will be supported by our school wide KiVa programme. Students will also learn how to introduce themselves and talk about their whānau in Te Reo Māori. Our PE programme in term 1 will be focussing on striking and fielding games and this will culminate in a syndicate wide competition towards the end of the term.

We are pleased that COVID is largely behind us and our families are allowed back in the school gates. Please come in and introduce yourselves to us if you are in the school and hopefully we see you at our Meet the Teacher evening on Tuesday 21 February. If you have any questions please feel free to email your class teacher or myself. Our email addresses are our first initial and surname followed by @adventure.school.nz.

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On Behalf of the Nīkau Team

