



## **Nīkau Syndicate Term 3 newsletter**

Kia Ora Nīkau Whānau

Welcome to Term 3.

Firstly, a big welcome to Solé du Plessis who is our new teacher in Ruma Toru. Solé is an experienced teacher who comes to us from Trentham School in the Hutt.

This term Nīkau will be engaging in a history inquiry centred around navigation. This inquiry aims to explore various historical navigation techniques, including those used by our own ancestors. Students will be exploring the voyages of Kupe, as well as other notable navigators from different cultures around the world. This may also lead to looking into our own voyages.

We are thrilled to announce that we will be incorporating regular kapa haka sessions into our timetable. Kapa haka is a significant aspect of Māori performing arts, incorporating song, dance, and haka (traditional Māori war dance). Students will also continue to learn different kupu (words) and phrases connected to our akomanga (classroom) as well as learn simple structures to ask and answer questions.

Last term we didn't manage to complete our weaving unit so we have moved this into Term 3. Students will learn basic weaving skills, starting with simple paper weaving techniques, then move onto more complicated weaving tasks using wool, thread and other materials.

For the start of the term classes will take part in gymnastics lessons. Students will be introduced to a variety of shapes in gymnastics, including tuck, pike, straddle, and straight body positions. Alongside learning these body shapes, students will also explore different travel movements in gymnastics. These movements include walking, running, hopping, leaping, skipping, and galloping. They will learn how to combine these movements and work with a small group to create a simple sequence. Swimming lessons will be taking place in Weeks 8, 9, and 10. Swimming is an essential life skill, and we believe it is crucial for our students to develop confidence and water safety awareness. Please ensure your child brings their swimwear, and a towel, as well as their goggles and swim caps if they have them. Detailed schedules and further information will be provided closer to the dates.

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On behalf of Team Nīkau

