



# Nīkau Syndicate Newsletter - Term 4 2023

## Tēnā koutou

Welcome to Term 4! As we dive into the final term of the year, we have an exciting lineup of activities and events planned for your children. Term 4 promises to be full of fun, learning, and memorable experiences

## Sports

Get ready to cheer on our young athletes as they participate in friendly football and cricket (girls only) tournaments. These events promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and healthy competition. Detailed newsletters were sent home with students who registered their interest in term three.

## Athletics

Our students will test their athletic abilities at Adventure Park on Friday 1 December with the postponement date on Tuesday 5 December. Students will have the chance to engage in various track and field events throughout the day. As usual we will spend some time teaching the skills required to participate in the events we will run on the day. This is a fun day and we would love to see you all down at the park. If you are keen on getting closer to the action we always need parents to help with measuring, recording or general crowd control.

## Fort Building

This activity has become a favourite of our students and has now become an annual event that the students in Nīkau look forward to. Students work in groups to create a fort which they then spend time playing board games, cards, colouring in their completed structure. This will take place between week 6 and week 8. Classroom teachers will decide on the days that suit them during these weeks and will send out detailed information about what materials may be needed for this.

#### Aotea Lagoon

Last year we decided to move our water fun day down to Aotea Lagoon and had such a blast splashing around on the Splash Pad, playing on the playground and having a picnic lunch under the trees that we have decided to make it a Nīkau tradition. We already have our fingers crossed for the sun to shine on Monday 11 December but have Wednesday 13 December as a backup if we need it. There will be no cost for this as we will seek parent help with transport nearer the time.

#### Secret Santa

'Tis the season for giving, and our students are very keen to keep this tradition alive. This is a fun and heartwarming activity that fosters kindness and generosity. Each class teacher will send a note home outlining the procedure and the student your child will buy for. The maximum amount spent is \$10. This is not compulsory and students can choose not to take part.

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