

NĪKAU NEWSLETTER

Kia ora Nīkau Whānau

The Nīkau Team are excited and ready for 2024 and are looking forward to getting to work alongside your children. The Nīkau Team consists of; Richard McQueen (R19), Amy Churchill (R5), Alesha Wilson (R4), Solé du Plessis (R3) and myself, Toni-Marie Bennett (R2). Tania Bourke and Deb Wilson are also part of our teaching team. Deb will be teaching in Room 2 most Thursdays and Tania will be covering CRT release.



TERM ONE



Our first couple of weeks together will be based on getting to know each other, settling into new classrooms 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. Other curriculum areas such as Inquiry, Art and PE are taught in the final block of the day. Once a week on a Friday afternoon we have a Discovery session where students choose from a range of activities.

INQUIRY

This term our Inquiry focus will be Tūrangawaewae - a place to stand. We will be working on building a sense of belonging in our class, syndicate and school as well as sharing places that are special to us. We will look closely at special places in and around Porirua, learn about meaning of names and why they are significant. We will weave our art into this and will focus on landscapes using water colour and paint as our main medium.

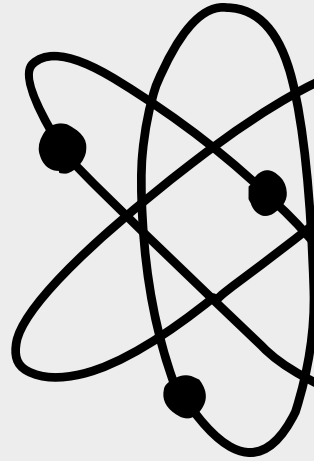
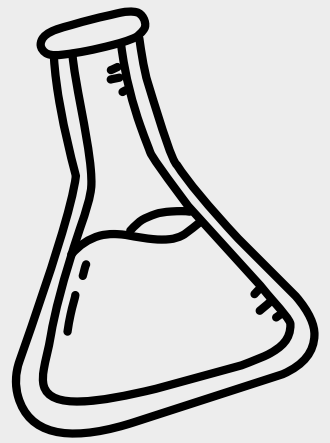




UPCOMING EVENTS

This term we are lucky to have Capital Basketball coming into the school and taking our students for basketball skills. These will run for 6 weeks on Friday mornings starting in week 3 - Friday 16 February. The cost of these sessions is being covered by our KiwiSport fund.

Swimming lessons will take place in term 2 this year and these will be once a week on Thursdays. A detailed newsletter about times and costs will be sent home later this term.



ZOO TRIP



This year is Zoo Sleepover Year. This means that in Term 4 (November) we spend the night at the zoo.

During the sleepover our students will get out and about in the Zoo and see what happens behind the scenes after other visitors have gone home.

To help with the cost of this we will be having a bake sale in Term 2.