



Nikau Newsletter



Important Dates

- Pink Shirt Day - 16 May
- Cross Country - 23 May
- Strike Percussion Performance - 30 May
- King's Birthday - 2 June
- Curriculum Day - 3 June
- Matariki Holiday - 20 June
- Matariki Celebrations - 23 June

Kia ora e te whānau and welcome to term 2

Throughout the term we will continue to run structured literacy and numeracy programmes for the first three sessions of the day. Our writing programme will have more of a non-fiction focus as students look at research and report style writing. In mathematics, classes will explore number operations and knowledge, measurement, as well as fractions and decimals.

This term, our Nīkau Syndicate tamariki are diving into the wonders of Space for our inquiry. We will explore different parts of space to help us understand more about the universe. We'll learn about Planet Earth, day and night, stars, the solar system, Matariki, and space technology, discovering how people have used it to learn more about space. As part of our learning, we are working together to create a collaborative mural that will be proudly displayed in our gallery space. Each class is designing a different part of the solar system, and when it all comes together it will be an amazing representation of our solar system. Throughout the term, we will ask questions, research, create, and share our learning. We can't wait to see the final masterpiece – it's going to be out of this world!

Students will continue to learn Te Reo Māori and we will also be learning New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL). They will practise basic greetings, simple conversations, and space-related words in Te Reo. Our goal is to help students appreciate Māori culture and the importance of New Zealand's official languages.

The annual Cross Country event will be held on Friday 23rd May. The event will take place on our school grounds and around the top lake. To help prepare our students for the event, we will be providing training sessions during school hours in the lead up to the event. More details about the event will be sent out closer to the time.

We have set up a new Home Learning Google Classroom where we will add new tasks every couple of weeks. These tasks reflect what we are doing in our classrooms but are not compulsory. Students need to log into their google account to access this. We will send out detailed instructions on how to do this in the next few days.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher. We look forward to working with you and your child this term.

Toni-Marie Bennett
On behalf of Team Nīkau