

RIMU SYNDICATE

NEWS

EDITION 1

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WAIKANAE POOL

A friendly reminder for whānau regarding our upcoming EOTC trip on Thursday 13 March - see HERO notice already sent.

This trip is a great way to start the year-building connections across the team, encouraging students to take safe risks, and developing confidence and understanding around water safety. We're looking forward to it!

HOMEWORK

Homework is a valuable way to reinforce learning, build independence, and strengthen the connection between home and school. Each week, students will be encouraged to complete a reading log to help foster regular reading habits, complete tasks on Matific to support maths learning, and activities linked to our weekly spelling focus. While homework is optional, it is strongly encouraged as it helps consolidate skills and build confidence.

Students will be bringing home more detailed information about our homework expectations and routines in the coming weeks.

WELCOME BACK RIMU WHĀNAU!

Welcome back to everyone after the long break - we hope you had a restful, refreshing time and were able to enjoy special moments with family and friends. It's been wonderful to see the school coming back to life and to feel the buzz of excitement as we begin a new school year together. A very warm welcome to our new families joining our school community. We're so pleased to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you and working in partnership to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

To our students, we hope you're feeling recharged and ready for the term ahead. There are lots of exciting learning opportunities planned, and we can't wait to see your enthusiasm, curiosity, and positive energy back in action as we kick off Term 1. Here's to a great start and a fantastic year ahead!

WHAT'S COMING UP?

This term is short but busy, with lots of rich learning planned across the curriculum. In mathematics, students will be focusing on number, measurement, and geometry, developing their understanding through hands-on activities and real-life problem solving.

We will be learning about the concept of whakawhanaungatanga - a fundamental Māori concept and practice focused on building and maintaining relationships, strengthening connections, and fostering a strong sense of belonging. As part of this, students will explore their connections with family and special people in their lives, and share and reflect on personal taonga that are meaningful to them. Our students will be creating a biography, learning how to research, organise information, and write about a person's life in an engaging way.

Throughout Term One, there will also be a strong focus on building on our Adventure Way traits of self-awareness, self-direction, and cooperation. We will be intentionally developing these key learning traits as we establish positive relationships and set a class culture where everyone feels valued, supported, and able to thrive.

We are all looking forward to the year ahead with your children!

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