

NĪKAU

Term 3 newsletter



Kia ora e te whānau

It's fantastic to see our Nīkau learners back and ready for Term 3! The Nīkau teachers worked super hard over the break getting reports ready, and now we're looking forward to sitting down with you for our Week 3 Learning Conversations. It's always a highlight to catch up, chat about learning, and plan the next steps together. Bookings are now open on HERO.

What is happening in Term 3



It's wonderful to see all our Nīkau learners fully settled into their routines, working hard to lock in previous learning while confidently taking on new concepts and challenges this term.

This term, Nīkau is diving into the fascinating world of invertebrates! We will be exploring everything from buzzing insects and web-weaving arachnids to squishy molluscs, stinging cnidarians, and wriggly annelids. With the support of hands-on House of Science kits, our students will get to test, observe, and classify like real scientists as we explore:

- Insects & Arachnids: Counting legs, body segments, and spotting adaptations.
- Molluscs: Discovering the soft bodies of snails, slugs, and octopuses.
- Cnidarians: Uncovering the stinging secrets of jellyfish and sea anemones.
- Annelids: Digging into the world of segmented earthworms and their importance to our soil.



Our Zoo Sleepover is all booked for November! Be on the lookout for more information about this and how it works a bit later in the term.

In our art sessions, tamariki will be diving into sculpture and construction, getting hands-on with tactile materials like clay to bring their designs into 3D. Connecting with our science learning on invertebrates, students will closely observe the unique features, legs, and shells of mini-beasts, using these details as inspiration to construct and paint their own weird and wonderful 3D creatures.

Physical Education this term is all about swimming! Our lessons at Cannons Creek Pool will be kicking off in Week 3 on Friday 7 August. This year, we have an exciting extra opportunity—our more confident Year 4 swimmers have been invited to participate in Swimming Sports, with the chance to qualify for the Parumoana Swimming Sports event! Towards the end of the term, some of our students will also have the opportunity to take part in a local Futsal tournament; this is a fantastic chance to have fun and represent Nīkau against other schools in the area!

Mā te mahi tahi ka ora ai te katoa

Through working together, everyone thrives

