

NĪKAU

Term 4 newsletter

Kia ora Whānau

Welcome to Term 4! There is already great energy around the syndicate as lots of our students busy themselves rehearsing for Adventure's Got Talent, with students currently working through class and syndicate heats .

We have an exciting and action-packed term ahead, full of rich learning experiences and special events for our Nīkau learners. Our major Inquiry topic this term focuses on animals, leading up to our anticipated Zoo Sleepover. Through Social Studies and Science, students will explore the history of zoos, wildlife conservation, and animal adaptations. They will also put their design skills to work in Technology by creating their own blue prints and models of modern enclosures.

This theme flows into our Literacy , giving reading and writing an authentic context as students draft, design, and present their research. Alongside this, students will strengthen foundational literacy skills by mastering prefixes, suffixes, and contractions. Students will also continue to enrich their daily Te Reo Māori by using everyday kupu and conversational phrases throughout the term.

Our Mathematics program covers division, addition, subtraction, patterns, problem-solving, and spatial reasoning, including 3D shapes and angles. We will also spend time reviewing past concepts.

Our main PE focus this term is Athletics, as we prepare for our Athletics Day planned for the end of Week 7. Alongside our track and field training, students will develop key striking and fielding skills—practising hand-eye coordination, positioning, and teamwork through Padder Tennis and T-ball. So, we are hoping for lots of fine afternoons so we can get outside.

Ngā mihi mahana
Team Nīkau

