

RIMU SYNDICATE

NEWS

EDITION 4

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REMINDERS

A few important reminders to help set everyone up for success:

- Term 4 means hat season returns. Please ensure your child comes to school daily with a named school hat. Please also remember to apply sunscreen before leaving for school.
- Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day.
- Students need to wear appropriate footwear for fitness, PE, and active learning.
- Full and correct school uniform, with all items clearly named, is expected each day.

WELCOME BACK RIMU WHĀNAU!

Welcome back to the final term of 2026! We hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed some special time together. Term 4 is always our busiest, most vibrant, and most rewarding term of the year. With warmer weather on the horizon and plenty of exciting learning ahead, we are thrilled to welcome our students back for one final push toward the end of the school year.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

This term, our learning inquiry is centered around **Think, Tinker and Create**, a exciting STEM focus combining Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. STEM encourages students to become active problem solvers, creative thinkers, and curious investigators. Through hands-on challenges, our students will:

Think: Ask big questions, hypothesize, and analyse how things work around us.

Tinker: Experiment with materials, build prototypes, make mistakes, and discover how to fix them.

Create: Design innovative solutions to real-world challenges, bringing their ideas to life.

We can't wait to see the inventive ideas and solutions our students build as they unleash their creativity and critical thinking skills!

Term 4 also brings one of our proudest traditions: the **Annual Rimu Speech Competition**. Public speaking is one of the most powerful life skills a child can develop. Learning to articulate thoughts clearly, construct an argument, and present with confidence builds resilience, self-assurance, and effective communication skills that serve students far beyond the classroom.

We fully recognise that standing up in front of peers and an audience can feel daunting. For many students, public speaking steps well outside their comfort zone. Please feel rest assured that our teaching team is here to walk alongside every single child throughout this process. Teachers will be providing step-by-step guidance, structured templates, practice opportunities, and gentle encouragement. Our priority is to foster a supportive, low-pressure environment where every student feels safe to step up, give it their best shot, and celebrate their personal growth.

In **Mathematics** this term, we will be covering a rich variety of practical and engaging concepts:

3D Shapes: Exploring geometric properties, nets, and spatial relationships.

Division: Deepening strategies for equal sharing, grouping, and formal division methods.

Angles: Identifying, measuring, and classifying right, acute, and obtuse angles.

Temperature: Reading thermometers, comparing temperature scales, and understanding real-world application.

Probability: Investigating chance, predicting outcomes, and conducting fun experiments with likelihood.

Thank you as always for your ongoing partnership, encouragement, and support. Let's make this final term of 2026 memorable, inspiring, and full of achievement!