



Rimu Team Newsletter

Term Three

2017

Dear Parents & Caregivers

The term three calendar is looking full and exciting, and the following outlines some of the programmes and events we have coming up for the Rimu team.

This is a ten week term with no public holidays scheduled.

The key competencies we are focussing on this term are *Thinking and Using Language, Symbols and Texts*.

Rimu Team

Our year 5-6 teaching team continues without change -

R.7 Mrs Pip Honore, R.14 Ms Cathrine Wilkinson,
R.13 Miss Amber Pullin, R.8 Miss Melissa Julian

Mr Julian is the Deputy Principal who oversees the Rimu and Kowhai teams.

We welcome two new students (and their families) to the team this term - Eva Roberts has joined Room 7 and Tharu Wijesinghe is in Room 8.

Curriculum

Our yearly theme of Chain Reactions continues this term with a science focus based on 'Planet Earth'. We will be studying how the earth's structure and systems cause natural phenomenon such as earthquakes, volcanoes and weather events.

Our reading programme this term will be in two parts. One part being a continuation of a group reading rotation where students work either with the teacher, independently responding to a text they've read, or working online through a series of reading challenges. The teaching will be focused on note taking and rephrasing information in non fiction texts.

The second part of the reading programme will be an independent study of a natural phenomenon. Students will gather together texts, read and sort information that is relevant to their line of inquiry, and present their work using text, diagrams, maps and illustrations.

The timetable will also allow for students to silently read books that they have selected for personal enjoyment.

The writing programme will be across all curriculum areas with a particular focus on seeking feedback on their work, and making changes to improve clarity, meaning and effect. Children will write daily and there will be lessons on grammar, punctuation and spelling. The writing this term will be short pieces with an emphasis on accuracy of spelling and punctuation.

The major focus this term in mathematics is extending students' knowledge and strategies for working with multiplication and division problems. We will also cover geometry (shape and space). The work done in Dragon Maths books and on Mathletics will reflect these topics. Towards the end of the term we will move into fractions, percentages and ratios.

This term we are expecting a visit from the Life Education Caravan and each class will have lessons timetabled. The theme has yet to be finalised but will, as closely as possible, reflect the classroom programme.

In the final week of the term the year 5 & 6 classes will visit the Science Roadshow which is a hands on series of science exhibits which is always stimulating and fun.

The sporting term has already kicked off with the school swimming sports. Each class will have daily fitness sessions and all four classes will come together one afternoon each week for invasion games. The teaching focus will be developing attacking and defending skills, working as a team and using large balls and sticks.

In the second part of this term we will be having a Celebration of Learning. This is a biannual event which invites parents to come in to their child's classroom during the day and enjoy an overview, presented by the children, of what happens in their working day.

Rimu Reminders

The Orange Day Parade, to celebrate the contribution of the year 6 road patrollers, will be on Friday 1st September.

Would you please check with your child as to whether they still have all the stationery they require. Many students seem to be without small items which holds up the lessons as they borrow what they need.

On the back of this newsletter is the activity costs for term three.

If you have anything you wish to discuss with the classroom teacher, please free to make contact via the school email.

Regards

Pip Honore, Cathrine Wilkinson, Melissa Julian, Amber Pullin

Buses to and from the swimming sports,	\$7.50
Buses to and from Science Road Show	\$7.50
Science Road Show entry	\$8.00
Life Education Charge	\$5.00
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This amount will be taken from the activity fee you have paid at the start of the year.