

Wadestown School

Rimu Team



Term 3 – July 2018

Living to Learn - Learning to Live

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau.

Welcome back to term three, a ten-week term that is looking full and exciting. This newsletter outlines some of the programmes and events we have coming up for the Rimu team.

Rimu Team

A big welcome to Joachim (Joa) Contreras who joins the Rimu team, as a class member of Room 6.

The teaching team remains the same

Mrs Amy Maddock – Room 4

Miss Amber Pullin – Room 5

Ms Cathrine Wilkinson – Room 6 (Team Leader)

Christine Wren – Classroom Release Teacher

Jo Hamid – Rimu Relief Teacher

Student Behaviour

Behaviour expectations in Rimu team are promoted through our 'Rimuite' values. To date, focus has been given to, 'Resilience', 'Integrity', 'Manners' and 'Unity'. This term, 'Inquisitiveness' and 'Thankfulness' are our theme values.

The expectation is that students show all values, no matter the company or location. The children have had two terms to get to know one another, and they are now being encouraged to look out for those in need of assistance. If at any time there is an indiscretion, it is important the students address the situation verbally with a teacher and those involved at the time of the incident. It is far more effective and efficient, if these matters can be dealt with at the time of the incident.

Curriculum

Literacy

Our **reading programme** this term begins with an independent novel study. This will involve a close study of a chapter book read by the student, both at school and at home. Follow up activities examine character, plot, setting and language features. Following this, group reading rotations will be used, where students work either with the teacher, independently responding to a text they have read, or working through a series of reading challenges. During the final weeks of the term the students choose a 'Water Problem' for be an independent research study. They will read and sort information that is relevant to their line of inquiry, and present their work using text, diagrams, maps and illustrations. The teaching will be focused on note taking and rephrasing information in non-fiction texts.

The **writing programme** will be across all areas of the curriculum with a particular focus on persuasive and narrative writing. Re-crafting, editing for errors and giving informative feedback will have emphasis. Digital technology and online interactive programmes will be used to motivate and provide an alternative learning platform for our writers.

Mathematics

The major focus this term in mathematics is extending the students' knowledge and strategies for working with multiplication and division, and following on from that, proportions and ratios. Geometry activities looking at shape and space are planned for the final weeks of the term.

Social Sciences/Inquiry

We have been invited to take part in The Rocket Challenge, organised by Engineering New Zealand. This is a unit of work exploring the real-world context of rockets. Each class is very fortunate to have an engineering ambassador who will be available to work with the children. The students are put in crews to design a water rocket that will be entered into a final 'blast off' competition. Here the students will go head-to-head with other schools to determine whose rocket comes out on top. Rocket Lab will be determining the winner based on key skills demonstrated over the challenge.

Engineering New Zealand are asking each student to complete an 'Image Release Form'. These have been sent home with this notice. Please could they be returned to the classroom teacher, by Tuesday 31 July.

Te Reo

Kapa haka lessons will continue this term. Specialist teacher Hemi Prime takes the team through waiata, karakia, haka, poi and key language every Tuesday. Te Reo language is integrated throughout all curriculum areas on a daily basis.



Rimu students listening to ex Wadestown Student, Alannah Clark, talking about water usage and how to save our precious resource.

Physical Education and Sport

- Rimu physical education lessons take place on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00pm – 2.55pm. The focus this term is on developing ‘striking’ skills through the games of hockey, football and volleyball.
- Swimming Sports – They Year 4-8 swimming sports are being held on Friday 3 August at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre. All students are encouraged to take part, in either the main pool events or the novelty events for the less competent swimmers.

Homework

- Homework continues to be issued on Monday and due back on Friday for testing and marking. Students are responsible for managing and organising available time around their after school commitments.
- Mathletics tasks are set for each student and they are encouraged to attain 1000 weekly points.
- Reading mileage is important, as in the words of Joseph Addison: ‘Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body’. The children will need to spend some time at home reading the book they are using for their independent novel study, in order to keep to the class timeline.
- ‘Reado’ and ‘Spello’ challenges are also available for children to work on.

Stationery

- Students are encouraged to manage their belongings and ensure they have all the necessary stationery, so they can settle quickly on their learning tasks.
- Please ensure your child has all the following **named** items:
Ruler (30 cm) Red pen Highlighter
Rubber Pencil Glue stick

Uniform Reminders

- A **navy** long sleeved polypropylene or long sleeved tee may be worn under the polo shirt.
- Socks are to be **white, navy or black**. No coloured socks please. Beanies are to be plain, navy or the official Wadestown School beanie. Uniform items can be purchased from NZ Uniforms, located at 167 Thorndon Quay.
- Students are encouraged to have a **clearly named** jacket or additional layer they can wear when outside of the classroom.
- When items of clothing are misplaced, the students are expected to take responsibility for their actions. They need to visit the lost property box in the hallway by the library or back track to the last possible location of the missing items.

Term 3 Activity Fees:

Buses to and from the swimming sports	\$7.50
Buses to and from Science Road Show	\$6.00
Science Road Show entry	<u>\$8.00</u>
Total	\$21.50

Year 6 Road Patrollers

- Our Year 6 road patrollers are doing a superb job, displaying numerous skills that show case their sense of responsibility, leadership and commitment.
- Please ensure road patrollers are at school by 8.20am ready to start setting up the gear. If they are unable to do their shift, he or she must try to organise a swap or replacement.
- *Orange Day Parade:* As a way of recognising the hard work that goes into Road Patrol duty, the students have been invited by Wellington City Council and our Police School Community Officers to take part in the annual March for Road Safety, to be held on Friday 7 September from 10.00am to 12.00pm. The children are encouraged to dress up in as much orange as possible for the parade.

Rimu Reminders

- As the mornings slowly become lighter the students are falling back into the habit of arriving before 8.30am. Teachers are busy at that time preparing for the day and supervision of early arrivals is a problem.
- Please encourage your children to walk or scooter to school, or alternatively drop your child some distance from Rose Street. This is particularly helpful while the Mairangi Road detour is in place, as it helps to reduce the congestion at the school gate.
- If your child needs to have a phone at school, it must stay in their bag until the end of the day. They are not to be used as cameras at school, and will be confiscated if students have them out at break times.
- If you need to get an urgent message to your child, please do this through the school office, not the class teacher’s email, to ensure the message is received in time.
- If you have any concerns you wish to discuss, please make contact with the classroom teacher in the first instance, via their school email.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Cathrine Wilkinson, Amy Maddock and Amber Pullin



Rimu students are well prepared for their tour around the Wastewater Treatment Plant.