

Rata Team



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4, the last and busiest term of the year. It is a ten week term and finishes on Thursday 19th December. There is one public holiday, Labour Day, which is next Monday 28th October.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you abreast of the learning overview, to provide reminders of upcoming events and to inform you about the activity fees for the term. Weekly reminders will also come home via the classroom homework sheet.

Curriculum

This term we have our fingers crossed for lots of sunny weather as there are several "Education Outside the Classroom" events planned: Athletics Day, Botanical Gardens, zoo overnight stay (Year 4), Carols in the Park and cricket coaching. As you can see these events encompass all areas of the curriculum. Please note that these events will be spread throughout the term and not confined to one EOTC week.

Literacy

The Reading Programme will continue as before with children having daily opportunities to learn in a group setting, in whole class sessions and as an individual, selecting material that interests them. This term there is a focus on poems and plays. For part of the term the Year 4 students will be completing a close reading of a novel and presenting their responses to it.

Grammar, punctuation and spelling will be taught through the writing of our own poetry and cross curricular work, and in specific language lessons. Students will write in all areas of the curriculum and they will write every day.

Maths

Basic maths facts will continue to be practised regularly as the students speed up their automatic responses. Students will be learning about a range of maths topics including probability, statistics, and revisiting, reinforcing and extending strategies and knowledge already covered this year.

Physical Education

The first part of the term will revolve around athletics and practising the skills of running, jumping, throwing and baton changing. This will continue beyond the school athletics day, which is scheduled for week 3 and is attended by year 4-8 students only. The Year 3 students will be involved in similar activities, on the same day, at school. In the latter part of the term Rata will benefit from free cricket coaching provided weekly to each class.

Oral Language

The individual oral language presentations are ongoing and the last, very patient students, will have their opportunity to present in the first half of this term.

Homework

Homework will continue as per the classroom routine and in accordance

Heads Up

School Photos TOMORROW
23 Oct

Athletic Sports
Yr4-8 Friday 25 Oct
Yr 3s Athletic events at school

Discovery Gardens
27 Nov Room 10
28 Nov Room 11
29 Nov Room 12

Carols in the Park
5.30pm Tuesday 3rd Dec

Zoo Overnight Stay
(yr4) 11th-12th December

Activity Fees Term 4

Year 3

Botanical Gardens	2.50
and bus	<u>6.50</u>
	<u>Total \$9.00</u>

Year 4

Bus to Athletics	4.50
Botanical Gardens	2.50
and bus	<u>6.50</u>

The Zoo stay will be charged separately (\$70.00)

Total \$13.50

Room 12 only Years 3 and 4
Parliament trip bus - 6.50

At the beginning of the year all Rata parents were invoiced for \$100 as an estimated cost of activities for the year. We have spent less than that amount, which leaves a credit of the following:

Rooms 10 and 11

Year 3 \$17.00

Year 4 \$13.50

Room 12

Year 3 \$10.50

Year 4 \$ 7.00

with the school policy. Please check your child's book each week as there are often helpful reminders about upcoming dates.

General

This year it is the turn of Rata students to entertain the Wadestown community at Carols in the Park. This will be on Tuesday 3rd December at 5.30pm. For those who have not been involved before, this is an interdenominational event where local families bring their picnics to the park and enjoy (hopefully) a warm summer evening with a variety of Christmas entertainment.

This term is sunhat term and while we are still getting some inclement weather, we all know the sun will suddenly appear fierce and burning so it is a good routine for the children to settle into before that time. Please ensure sunhats are clearly named. It is a good idea to apply sunscreen before school and if necessary to have their own supply in their school bag.

At present one of the Rata classes has an issue with nits. It would be prudent to keep a careful check on your child's hair.

The road traffic at the start and end of the school day is much more manageable with so many students scooting and walking to school and parents using the park and stride zone further along Mairangi Road. Thanks for your support in reducing the traffic congestion.

As the mornings slowly become lighter the students are falling back into the habit of arriving before 8.30. Teachers are busy at that time preparing for the day and therefore supervision of early arrivals is a problem.

As you can see, this is a busy term and there will be plenty of requests for parents to assist with trips and events. Thank you in advance for being as available as is possible for your circumstances. If you have any concerns or queries about your child please email the teacher and arrange a time to catch up.

Regards

Pip Honore, Joy Henderson, Karen Wood, Robyn Grover and Fiona Mead



Rata students performed in the foyer before Dancesplash.

Above: Alice and Charlotte play in the 3rd violin section.

Right: Ava and Esme play in the recorder section

Highlights from Term 3



Rata students enjoying the lunchtime disco.

