



Wadestown School

Term 4 2019 Newsletter

Rimu Team



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4, and a special welcome to Jingxi Dong who joins the Rimu team in Room 4. This is a busy time of the year for all students, parents and teachers. The final term is important for the consolidation of the learning that has taken place in the previous terms and for putting into action the independent behaviours and values expected of a Rimu student. Good quality decision making, both in the classroom and playground, is the over-riding emphasis for all Year 5 and 6 students.

Curriculum

The Literacy Programme:

This term the students will continue to focus on the difficult art of taking notes from a range of books and websites, and pulling the information together in their own words. They will apply these skills as they write their own informative speech. The students can select a topic of interest from the theme: 'Change'. The writing of the speech will be done completely at school, although the students will be encouraged to practise their delivery at home before they present to their class during Week 5 (11-15 November). Four students from each of the three classes will then progress to the Rimu Speech finals on Friday 22 November.

Oral language learning will revolve around effective delivery of a speech, including voice projection, careful enunciation, expression and making eye contact.

The Maths programme:

We will continue with fractions, proportions and ratios, and then move to algebra and geometry lessons. The daily maths rotation will include revision of earlier learning and practise of basic facts. For those students who are not familiar with their times tables it is important they reinforce this learning as part of their weekly homework tasks.

The Arts Programme:

The Rimu Arts Rotation: the students will be taking part in a selection of dance, music and drama activities. These will be undertaken in mixed groups and the students will rotate between the Rimu teachers.

In Kapa Haka, Hemi Prime will continue to work with the Rimu team teaching new waiata, haka and tikanga. There will also be the opportunity to represent the Rimu team at the upcoming Western Zone Kapa Haka festival that is being held on the 19th November.

The Health and Physical Education programme:

The term begins with skills to prepare our athletes for the Wadestown Athletics Day at Ben Burn Park. We are also looking forward to a series of cricket coaching lessons provided by a visiting expert. Daily class, or team fitness will continue.

In health education, students will develop competencies for health and positive sexuality, along with building resilience, empathy and skills to enhance personal relationships. Your child will be taught using sections of 'The Sexuality Road - Discovering Me' a programme developed by Family Planning. Further information regarding the content of the programme will be sent home prior to the lessons at the end of the term.



Expectations of a Rimu Student

- ◇ Take **responsibility** for their belongings and behaviour.
- ◇ Have **confidence** in handling adverse situations.
- ◇ Show **respect** and **empathy** for others, with a willingness to work with those outside their friendship group.
- ◇ Take **risks** and not be afraid of making **mistakes**, they are a normal part of learning.
- ◇ Practise making their **own decisions** to foster **independence** and the confidence to think for themselves.
- ◇ Take **small steps** towards accomplishing a feared task.



Rimu Contacts

Mr Julian (Deputy Principal in charge of Year 5-8)

Room 4 Amy Maddock (Class Teacher Year 5/6)

Room 6 Cathrine Wilkinson (Team Leader)

Room 5 Amber Pullin (Class Teacher Year 5/6)



Extra Curricular

- Year 5 students will have their Road Patrol training day with Constable Tayla Giles, in preparation for their major contribution to school road safety, next year. This takes place on the 28th and 29th of November. We are sure the students will prove every bit as willing and reliable as the current Year 6s have been.
- Our year finishes with a selection of outdoor activities during the final week. Planning is underway for a trip to the ASB Stadium and the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre, the 'Picnic in the Park' contest, 'A Big Buddy Day' with the Year 1 and 2 students from Weld Street and a selection of in-school challenges.

Some familiar reminders, but ones that are worth reiterating.

- Students **must not be at school before 8.30am**, unless for an organised event.
- **Homework** routines set at the beginning of the year will continue as usual for Term 4, with the final homework sheet issued in week 7 (November 25). It remains the student's responsibility to ensure they complete their homework and return their book to school on Friday. There is flexibility to manage the tasks around their various after school activities.
 - ◇ Students have individual weekly Mathletics tasks set by the teacher, from which they are encouraged to earn a minimum of 1000 points. Completion of these activities supports classroom learning and is valuable reinforcement.
 - ◇ Each student has their own individualised list of 10 spelling words to learn during the week for testing on Friday.
 - ◇ Reading for at least 20 minutes each night. Exposure to reading is important in developing vocabulary for fluency, comprehension and language features to add depth to their writing. (20 minutes a day exposes them to at least 1.8 million words a year!)
- The warmer spring weather means a return to **sunhat routines**, and sweat-shirts are already littering the playground at every break: a timely reminder to ensure all items are **named**.
- Student school **email addresses** are for school business only.
- **Phones** are not to be taken out of school bags until the student is homeward bound. Cameras are not needed at school by students.
- **Road patrollers** need to arrive at 8.15am so they have enough time to set up before the patrol begins at 8.30am. If students are unable to carry out their allocated duty, it is their responsibility to find a replacement.
- Please check with your child that they have all the necessary, named **stationery**:
 - ◇ Pencils with enough length to be held correctly, a red pen, a non decorative rubber that rubs out, a whole ruler, a complete set of coloured pencils and a glue stick that contains a full tube of glue.

If you have anything you wish to discuss with the classroom teacher please feel free to make contact via email and we can arrange to meet or chat on the phone.

Rimu students and teachers have had a positive and hard working year so far and we are sure Term 4 will be no exception.

Kind regards

Cathrine Wilkinson (Team Leader), Amber Pullin and Amy Maddock



Rimu Activity Fees

Term 4

Bus to Athletic Sports
\$4.50

EOTC activities:
(ASB Sports Stadium &
Aquatic Centre visits)
\$13.00

Total: **\$17.50**

Please note unused
2019 activity fees of
\$10.50 will be rolled
over to your 2020
accounts.

