



Wadestown School

Term 4 2020 Newsletter

Rimu Team



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4. It is a busy time of the year for all students, parents and teachers. Our long awaited camp is no doubt going to be one of the highlights for the term ahead. We are all very excited to be finally preparing and packing up for our departure next Tuesday.

The overriding topic for our learning this term centres around the school wide theme of 'Reaching Out to Nature'. This 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. Our Whanaungatanga qualities and good decision making, both in the classroom and playground, are the over-riding emphasis for all our Year 5 and 6 students. The camp experience is an ideal environment to nurture these important attributes.

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. These skills will be applied as they write their own informative speech. The students can select a topic of interest from the theme: 'Reaching Out to Nature'. 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 7 (23-27 November). Four students from each of the three classes will then progress to the Rimu Speech finals on Wednesday 2 December.

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

The Mathematics programme:

We will continue with the fractions, proportions and ratios, strand of the curriculum and then move to algebra and probability lessons. The daily mathematics 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 Health and Physical Education programme:

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 from '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.

Science and Technology

Various investigations and experiments relating to the Living World strand of the Science Curriculum will be explored by the children when we return from camp.

Our students will continue to work with the robotics equipment the school has available for our use. They will be coding instructions using a range of devices including, M-bots, Spheros and Edisons, as well as the popular Scratch programme.



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 Tim Whimster (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 3rd and 4th of December. We are sure the students will prove every bit as willing and reliable as the current Year 6s have been this year.
- Our year finishes with a selection of off-site activities during the final week. Planning is underway for a trip to the ASB Stadium, a 'Picnic in the Park', 'Big Buddy Day' with the Year 1 and 2 students from Weld Street, along with a selection of on-site challenge activities.
- **Homework** routines set at the beginning of the year will continue as usual for Term 4, with the final week of homework being Week 8 (4 December). It remains the responsibility of the students to ensure they check their Google Classroom for weekly homework updates. While we acknowledge the busy lives our children lead after school, we do encourage you to help them organise the tasks around their various after school activities.
 - ◇ Weekly Mathematics tasks are set for each individual student. These tasks support new learning and revise knowledge and strategies previously taught. Students who complete these tasks are developing solid foundations that foster future learning.
 - ◇ All students have a weekly spelling list of 8-10 words that focus on a spelling sound or pattern. The term spelling lists have been placed in the students' Google Classroom, along with a paper copy for their homework books.
 - ◇ Please encourage your child to maintain a reading routine of at least 20 minutes per night. "Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere." – Mary Schmich

Reminders

- Students **must not be at school before 8.30am**, unless for an organised event. Teaching staff require uninterrupted preparation time before the day begins with the 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.
- **Wadestown School Sunhats** are required this term. Lost, unnamed sunhats have trouble finding their way back to their original owners.
- **Phones** are not to be taken out of bags during the school day. Cameras are not needed at school by students.
- As is usual at this time of the year, numerous pieces of stationery have been misplaced. Please check with your child that they have all the necessary, named **stationery items**:

pencils with enough length to be held correctly, a red pen, a non decorative eraser 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, Amy Maddock and Tim Whimster

Rimu Activity Fees Term 4

Playhouse Performance
\$5.00

Bus to Athletic Sports
\$4.50

ASB Sports Stadium visit
\$4.50

Total: **\$14.00**

Please note unused 2020 activity fees of **\$19.05** will be rolled over to your 2021 accounts.

