



Wadestown School

**Rimu Team
Newsletter
Term 4 2021**



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Kia ora and welcome to Term 4. The children have come back this week from our very successful Year 5 and 6 Camp at Forest Lakes, buzzing, with lots of fun and positive experiences which they will treasure for years to come. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Parent Helpers for their time, effort and patience while on camp with us. On numerous occasions, this group of parents went above and beyond what was expected; something that did not go unnoticed. The support and camaraderie were greatly appreciated.

This is the fourth and final Rimu team newsletter for the year. Its main purpose is to keep you informed of the organisation, expectations, key events and learning your child will be engaged in throughout Term 4. Due to the recent COVID-19 lockdown and our current Level 2 status, many of the Term 3 and 4 activities and events have been cancelled. However, our Year 5 and 6 students are a resilient group and are grateful for the opportunities that are organised for them in this uncertain time. All the Rimu Teachers are very proud of them.

Curriculum Overview

Literacy

This term, all students will learn about the art of taking notes from a range of books and websites and paraphrasing 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 our school-wide theme: 'Diversity'. The writing of their 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. Three to four students from each of the three classes will then progress to the Rimu Team Speech finals in week 6.

Oral language will focus around effective delivery of a speech which will include careful enunciation, voice projection, expression and making eye contact.

Mathematics

We will start this term learning about fractions, proportions and ratios, and then move onto algebra and geometry sessions. The daily mathematics rotation will include revision of earlier learning and practise of basic facts. Those students who are not familiar with their multiplication and division facts need to reinforce this learning as part of their weekly homework tasks.

Inquiry

As outlined in earlier newsletters, our school wide theme for 2021 is 'Diversity' (Rerekētanga). The term four focus is on understanding diversity through the STEAM programme. Each class has a variety of activities to complete which integrate science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. This will involve the students building on their problem solving skills and working through a set process in order to make their final product.

Te Reo Māori

Hemi Prime our kapa haka kiako will continue to be teaching all Rimu Team students Kapa Haka on Thursday mornings from 9.55 am - 10.40 am. This includes new waiata, haka and tikanga.

Physical Education and Health

The term began with skills to prepare our students for the Wadestown Athletics Day at Nairnville Park which was held on the 3 November. We are also looking forward to a series of cricket coaching lessons provided by Wellington Sport. Daily class, team fitness and weekly Rimu sport will continue.

In Health Education, students will develop competencies for health and positive sexuality, along with building resilience, empathy and the 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.

Homework

Like the last three terms, the students will continue their homework via Google Classroom. It will be given out on Monday and the pupils will work their way through the tasks and complete these by Friday.

Homework will consist of teacher set Mathematics tasks, 15-20 minutes daily reading, individual spelling lists and basic facts. Please ensure your child turns in their homework on Google Classroom each Friday. Book Bingo awards are available for children to work towards and gain valuable House points for each level they achieve. The homework is designed to be flexible and allows each student to manage and organise their time around after school commitments. Term 4 Homework Guidelines went home this week in your child's homework book; please take a moment to familiarise yourself with these.

End-of-Year Activities

Our year finishes with a selection of outdoor activities during the final week of school. Planning is underway for

- 'A Play in the Park'
- 'A Big Buddy Day' with the Year 3 and 2 students from Weld Street,
- and a selection of in-school challenges.

Communication with Teachers

If you have anything you wish to discuss with your child's classroom teacher, please feel free to make contact via email and we can arrange to meet or chat on the phone. To ensure an urgent message gets to your child please do this through the school office, not the class teacher's email, as there is very little opportunity to clear emails during the school day.

Some useful and familiar reminders, but ones that are worth reiterating:

- **Classrooms are open from 8:30 am.** Children should not be at school before 8:30 am. Arrival time between 8:30 and 8:45am ensures students have enough time to organise their belongings and be ready for the 8:55 am bell. Students who arrive later than this bell must sign in at the office.
- Students are to bring a **water bottle** to school **everyday**. This is so they can keep hydrated in class during the day and to assist with the MoE Covid Guidelines.
- As we are heading into warmer weather, **sunhats** are to be worn every day at school this term.
- **Mobile phones** are the students' responsibility and remain in their school bag throughout the day unless specific permission has been given by a teacher.
- Please check with your child that they have the required, named **stationery**: pencils with enough length to held correctly, a red pen, a non-decorative eraser that rubs out, a whole ruler, and pink and green highlighter, full set of coloured pencils and a glue stick that contains a full tube of glue.
- Student school **email addresses** are for school use only
- Please make sure all items of **school uniform are clearly named**. Without this lost items are unlikely to be returned to the owner. The children are responsible for all their items of clothing and stationery, including the retrieval of lost pieces.
- Students bringing **scooters** to school need to **remember their helmets and licence**. New licences can be obtained through the office.
- Year 6 students doing **Road Patrol** are expected to arrive at school at 8:15 am to set up for their duty. Where a child is unable to fulfil their Road Patrol duty due to illness or absence from school, we ask that you inform the school by no later than **8:00am** so we can find a replacement. It is difficult to do Road Patrol without the required number of students.

We look forward to working with you throughout Term 4.

Ngā mihi nui

Amy Maddock (Team Leader), Jess Keetley and Jo Hammid
(Rimu Team Teachers)

Rimu Activity Fees	
Amount charged to Student Statement	\$100.00
Term 1	\$38.00
Term 2	\$17.00
Term 3 <i>Was \$27.50 but could not attend Science Roadshow so refund of \$14.00</i>	\$13.50
Term 4	
Athletics Day - bus	\$4.50
Activity Fee Total Spent	\$73.00
<p>Please note that the unused 2021 Activity Fees of \$27.00 will be rolled over to your 2022 accounts.</p>	

