



Wadestown School

Growing and Connecting as Learners

Rimu Team Newsletter Term 3 2022



Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

Nau mai haere mai, and welcome to Term 3 with the Rimu Team. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday with your tamariki/children. We welcome Hamish Crump to Room 4 and Carys Roberts to Room 7 who have joined Wadestown School and our Rimu Team this term. Welcome to our Rimu whānau! Our Rimu tamariki are an enthusiastic, friendly and caring group of students. We, the Kaiako (teachers), thoroughly enjoy working with them. We are in for a fun, yet busy term.

This is the third of our Team newsletters 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 3.

Curriculum Overview

Reading



The Rimu students will be continuing with their independent 'Novel Study' which they started in the later part of last term. They are thoroughly enjoying activities that relate to the characters, key events and messages in the book they have read. In the second part of the term, the students will examine an aspect of New Zealand History - Protests. They will look at different points of view; sharing opinions about protests and why they happened. The main focus will be on the inference reading strategy where students 'read between the lines' to find clues for answering questions and thinking critically about the text.

Writing

Writing will again be across all areas of the curriculum with a particular focus on narrative writing. The Rimu students will write and publish their own narrative story to share with a Pouhutukawa buddy. Through our narrative writing, students will be working on their editing skills using a set criteria to critique their own writing. Poetry will be revisited later in the term with a focus on haiku and cinquain poems.

Mathematics

We begin this term with multiplication and division. The students will learn and practise various strategies to help solve problems within the realm of whole numbers and decimals. Then, there will be a focus on geometry where they will explore symmetry, reflection, rotation, transformation and enlargement. Activities relating to fractions, proportions and ratios will also be a part of this term's mathematics programme.

Mathswell is back this year after a years' hiatus. The Wellington Maths Association run an annual maths competition for Year 5 and 6 students to participate in teams of six. Mathswell aims to promote the enjoyment of Mathematics and challenge students. This will be held on Wednesday 31 August at Wellington College. The Rimu team have entered one team for the competition.

Inquiry

As outlined in the Term 1 and 2 newsletters, our school wide theme for 2022 is 'Growth - Looking back to move forwards'. The term three focus is 'Growing through the Arts.' This term, we will be integrating all four areas of the 'The Arts' - dance, drama, music and visual art with a Te Ao Māori lens. Students will participate in an Arts rotation where they will experience lessons from each of the Rimu teachers and explore these areas in more depth. Be it examining Māori design in visual art, interpreting a Māori myth or legend through drama, raku through dance or waiata via music.



Science Roadshow

In Week 8, we will be visiting the Science Roadshow which is a mobile science discovery centre. Annually it travels the length of New Zealand, bringing a range of cool interactive science and technology exhibits into the communities. The mission of the Science Roadshow is to support science education in New Zealand schools through science outreach. A visit to the Science Roadshow is a fun, exciting and interactive learning experience of science for children. It includes live shows and hands-on exhibits that broaden students' knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Each year the shows, themes and exhibits change, so there is always something new for students to learn and engage with.

Our Wadestown School Values: GROW

The Rimu classes will further extend on their understanding from Terms 1 and 2, by focusing on our GROW values through the observation of other Rimu students' who demonstrate a particular value inside or outside the classroom. They can nominate them through our MVP (Most Valuable Person) box and in turn they will go into a draw for a prize at our Rimu assembly.

Te Reo Māori

The focus this term is 'Out and About' in the community i.e. shopping, going to an event or place. The students will be extending their knowledge of vocabulary relating to this which will include simple phrases, sentence structures, questions and answers. Hemi Prime our wonderful Kapa Haka kiako will be teaching all Rimu Team students Kapa Haka on Thursday mornings from 9.10 am to 10.00 am. Next Tuesday, several Rimu and Kōwhai students are performing in a Kapa Haka festival with other schools in our Kāhui Ako cluster. They have been working very hard towards this over the last term. We wish them all the best for their performance next week!

Every fortnight, the Rimu team all participate in Te Reo lessons with Matua Alwyn. This is a school-wide initiative to promote and normalise Te Reo Māori in our classrooms. Also, to support our kaiako with their Te Reo learning journey. Matua Alwyn is highly regarded and currently works in several western and northern cluster schools. He makes Te Reo fun and engaging with akonga (students) and kaiako alike. We are all looking forward to working with Matua Alwyn this term.

Physical Education

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday we will continue with class fitness sessions and each Thursday we have Rimu Team fitness. However, this is all weather dependent. On Tuesday afternoons we have Rimu Sport where all the Rimu classes come together for PE skills. The activities this term are focused around large ball skills and linking these to a game situation.



As you are aware, the Rimu team students started their swimming lessons last Friday. A notice went out last Tuesday to all Rimu parents which outlined why we have introduced swimming lessons school-wide this year. Feedback from the students and kaiako have been very positive! It is integral that students feel safe and confident in water. Our tamariki are very fortunate to be able to participate in swimming lessons and water safety provided by Swimwell at Keith Spry Pool in Johnsonville.

Homework

Homework will continue to be via Google Classroom. A weekly outline will be given out on Monday and the students work their way through the tasks and complete these by Friday. It will consist of teacher set Mathletics tasks, 15-20 minutes daily reading, individual spelling lists, Te Reo phrases 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 and Banqer dollars for each level they achieve. Students will still be using their homework book to practise their basic facts and daily spelling. Homework is designed to be flexible and allows each student to manage and organise their time around after school commitments. Homework guidelines went home on Monday in your child's homework book.

ICT in the Classroom - a friendly reminder

G-mail accounts: All students have their own email address that is linked to the class teacher. Students are monitored regularly. If a student has used their school email account inappropriately (i.e. searching for adult-type content) they will be red flagged and senior management and their class teacher are notified. It would be greatly appreciated by the Rimu teachers if you can have a chat with your child to remind them about appropriate searching while using their school email account and how it should be used for school purposes only. Here is an excellent resource from Netsafe for whānau supporting their family to stay safe in the online world: [Online Safety Parent Toolkit](#). We encourage parents to view this website.



Camp El Rancho 2022

Rimu tamariki are getting super excited about our Year 5 and 6 camp to El Rancho in just 3 weeks time. Camp is such a highlight for our Year 5 and 6 students and they come back buzzing from their positive experience! More information will follow shortly about the programme and other administration. A final notice will be sent out with reminders a week prior to our departure.

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.

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Useful Reminders

- **Classrooms are open from 8:30 am.** Children should not be at school before 8:30 am. Arrival time between 8:30 am and 8:45 am, ensures they 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 **each day**, as our school drinking fountains are currently closed as a precautionary Covid measure.
- **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 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.
- **Mask wearing** continues until further notice, however, it is strongly encouraged in Years 5 and 6 to keep staff and students safe.
- Year 6 students doing **Road Patrol** are expected to arrive at school at 8:15am to set up for their duty.

All the Rimu teachers are looking forward to working with you and your whānau this term.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Amy Maddock (Team Leader), Cole Hanfling, Ashleigh Kulwant and Claudia Squire
(Rimu Team Teachers)

Rimu Team 2022 Classroom Activity Donation - Term 3		
Amount charged to Student Statement	\$100.00	
Less:		
Term 1 Costs	\$41.00	
Term 2 Costs	\$5.00	\$46.00
Term 3 Costs		
Strike Performance		\$5.00
Science Road Show (Bus and entry fee)		\$15.00
Activity Fee Total Spent		\$66.00

