



Wadestown School

*Te Whakatipu me to Honohono Hei Akonga
Growing and Connecting as Learners*

Rimu Team

Newsletter Term 4 2023



Kia ora Whānau/Parents,

Nau mai haere mai and welcome to Term 4 with the Rimu Team. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday with your tamariki. Our Rimu students have come back rejuvenated and ready for another busy, yet fun term.

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.

Curriculum Overview

Literacy



This term, all Rimu 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 select a topic of interest from our Team-wide theme: 'Conflict'. 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 7. Two to three students from each of the four classes will then progress to the Rimu Team Speech finals in week 8. We have two 'special guests' who will judge the competition.

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

Structured literacy lessons will continue this term in all Rimu classes. Our tamariki are enjoying learning and consolidating various spelling patterns and the sounds that correlate to them. The sessions have a particular structure that is followed. Through explicit teaching of these spelling patterns/sounds and through repetition and revision, new learning is cemented and retained in a child's long-term memory.

Mathematics

We begin this term by focusing on fractions, proportions and ratios, followed by algebra and geometry sessions. Our daily mathematics lessons will incorporate a review of previously covered concepts and practice of fundamental mathematical facts. For students who may not yet be confident in their multiplication and division skills, it is crucial these are strengthened in their weekly homework.

Our mathematics rotations will remain. Students will participate in mixed groups, rotating through different topic areas. These groupings will be reorganised after each segment of instruction by the Rimu teachers.

Inquiry

Our focus for Term 4 is 'Conflict - how to use restorative strategies to solve misunderstandings'. This term, the Rimu tamariki will look at the over-arching question, 'How can we solve conflict in a positive and effective way?' From there, they will research and investigate how peer mediation is an effective strategy to use to solve conflict both in class and out in the playground. They will learn about our Cool Schools Peer Mediation programme that the Year 7s have been trained on over the last two terms. This programme comes from the Peace Foundation.



School Grow Values

The Rimu classes will continue to focus on our GROW values through the observation of other Rimu students' who demonstrate a particular value in or outside the classroom. They can nominate one another using our MVP (Most Valuable Person) box and in turn, they go into a draw for a prize at our Rimu assembly.

Te Reo Māori me ngā Tikanga

Whaowhia te kete mātauranga

Fill the basket of knowledge.



This term, our tamariki are continuing to extend their learning with the wonderful support of Matua Hemi at Thursday's Kapa Haka and Matua Alwyn, who visits each class to teach Te Reo Māori every second Tuesday. We will continue to look at tikanga in the classroom along with revisiting classroom commands, classroom objects and other Te Reo we have learnt over the last three terms. It is important that tamariki revise new learning as this will make it easier for them to remember and be more confident to use Te Reo throughout the day in the classroom and out in the playground.

Physical Education

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday we will continue with class fitness sessions and each Thursday we have Rimu Team fitness. With the warmer weather this term, we will have more opportunities to do this. On Tuesday afternoons we have Rimu Sport where all the Rimu classes come together for PE skills. High jump, quoits, vortex and relays will be taught in the first 3-4 weeks of this term to coincide with our School Athletics event. This will be followed by games that will focus on throwing and catching, kicking and striking techniques.



In Health Education, tamariki 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 in the middle of the term.

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 of daily reading, 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 Banquer dollars for each level they achieve. Students will still be using their homework book to practise their basic facts. Homework is designed to be flexible and allows each student to manage and organise their time around after-school commitments. Term 4 guidelines went home earlier in the week in your child's homework book.

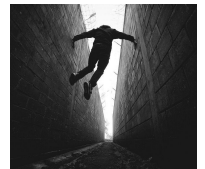
ICT in the Classroom - important information

Here is an excellent resource from Netsafe for whānau supporting their family to stay safe in the online world: [Online Safety Parent Toolkit](#). We strongly recommend that parents read through this website.

End-of-Year Activities

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

- a 'Games Rotation' at the Ākau Tangi (formerly ASB Centre)
- a 'Big Buddy Morning' with the Year 1 and 2 students from Weld Street
- a 'Parkour and Skating' session at the Kilbirnie Rec Centre
- our ever-popular 'Animal Survivor' game
- a selection of in-school challenges/activities



Communication with Teachers

If you have anything you wish to discuss with your child's classroom teacher, please feel free to contact us 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.

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 it is important that our tamariki are well-hydrated throughout the day.
- **Mobile phones** are the students' responsibility and remain in their school bags 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. We would appreciate students to refrain from wearing make-up to school.
- Students bringing **scooters** to school need to **remember their helmets and licence**. New licences can be obtained through the office.
- All tamariki are **expected to wear a school sun hat** this term. Students are strongly encouraged to bring sunscreen to school and leave it in their bag which they can apply during the day.
- Year 6 students doing **Road Patrol** are expected to arrive at school at 8:15 am 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

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Rimu Activity Donations	
Amount charged to Student Statement	\$100.00
Less:	
Term 1 Total	6.00
Term 2 Total	7.00
Term 3 Total	44.00
Term 4 Total	
Athletic Sports Bus	5.50
Kilbirnie Rec Centre - Bus and entrance	13.50
Christmas Crafts/STEM	15.00
Ākau Tangi Court Hire	8.00
Activity Donation Total Spent	\$100.00



