

Team Rimu News

Term Two, 2018



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to a new term. We hope you all enjoyed the holiday break.

We finished last term with an interesting trip into the city – thank you to all the parents who came to support us on the trip, we couldn't do it without you! We also said farewell to Rebekah Ceelen, as she moved north to be closer to family.

We warmly welcome Kayle Riley to teach with us in Team Rimu (Room 10) for the remainder of the year.

If you have any questions, concerns or celebrations to share with us, you can contact us in person, or via our emails:

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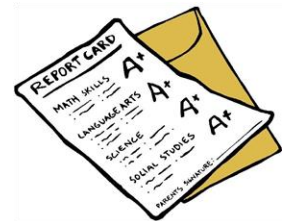
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School Cross Country

This will be happening on Monday May 21 and there will be more details coming soon.



Can we please ask for your help in reminding our children that toys (including Beyblades and slime) are not things to bring to school? Last term we had an increase in the number of students bringing their treasures to school. Unfortunately this led to disputes, lost items and unhappy children. Please help us by reminding your child about this.



As a Year Four student your child will receive a Mid Year Progress Report close to the end of this term. These will be shared on Seesaw and will be followed up with a Parent/Teacher meeting. More information will be available closer to the time.



Many of you are connected in to Seesaw and I hope you are enjoying seeing the work that your child shares with you through this tool. If you are having problems with this or are not sure how to connect, please let us know so we can help.

TERM TWO TOPICS



Our overarching theme for the term is “Space”. We will be using this big topic as a theme for our reading and writing activities, as well as using it as a vehicle for learning questioning, researching and presenting skills.



In other curriculum areas, we will be focusing on drama, P.E. and health, including cross country running, technology and a new area of learning for us – languages. If you have knowledge and skills in teaching another language, we would love to have you help us in this area!

Kapa Haka

This term, Team Rimu has the privilege of having regular Kapa Haka lessons. These will be on Tuesdays. The optional Kapa Haka performance group remains available for students to participate in.

This term also sees a return of regular weekly library visits. Students will be encouraged to select and bring home 1 or 2 books to read recreationally. The books will be issued for 2 weeks, but can be returned after 1 weeks if they have finished with them.

Cyber safe

As we move towards sharing set tasks and resources through Google classroom and using Google Docs and Slides to present information, we will be teaching the associated skills of effective and safe online behaviour. We use a resource found at <http://www.netsafe.org.nz/owls/> if you would like to know more yourself.

We are looking forward to a great term of learning together. If you would like to visit any time and see our space in action, you are most welcome.

Also if you are willing and able to participate or help out in the classroom with any of our topics or just in general we would love to hear from you!



Warm regards, Andrew, Kayle and Philippa.