

# Team Rimu News

Term One, 2019



## Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Team Rimu for 2019. We hope you enjoyed a relaxing break and enjoyed the great summer weather where ever you were!

The teachers in our team this year are :

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*In response to preparing our students for working in our open learning space, we continue to adapt our pedagogy, systems, and use of digital technology in order to meet the needs of our students.*

This is modern New Zealand learning practice (MLP). It is current best practice. It is helping students to become confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners who are able to seize the opportunities offered by new knowledge and technologies to secure a sustainable social, cultural, economic and environmental future for our country. (The New Zealand Curriculum, page 8)

You may find this website helpful  
<http://www.ero.govt.nz/publications/modern-new-zealand-learning-practice-glossary/>

**Our aim is to provide the very best environment we can for our students to learn in. We know that your input and support is invaluable in achieving this.**

**We would love to have you involved in our classrooms wherever possible. Please speak to your child's classroom teacher about how you might be able to help!**

## PLANNED EVENTS IN TERM ONE

Our major focus for the first half of this term is based around Newton's Laws of science. We will be doing many hands on investigations which promise to be lots of fun. We will also be focusing on Visual art and dance. In the second half of the term we will be looking at the Treaty of Waitangi, technology, music and drama. Integrated and woven through this will be the core subjects of reading, writing and maths.

### SWIMMING

In 2019, we have moved our swimming programme to Term One. This will align itself better with weather and swimming sports events throughout the year. Team Rimu will be swimming in Weeks 6 and 7 of this term. More details will follow.



### ASB SPORTS CENTRE VISIT

We are planning a return visit to the ASB Sports Centre for a great day experiencing new sports and skills. This is most likely to be 7<sup>th</sup> March but we will confirm this with more detail as soon as we can!

## PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

We look forward to meeting with you on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Further details will be given in the school newsletter.

### ASSESSMENT

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be undertaking a range of assessments across the team. Among the assessments our Year 4 students will complete are :

#### Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT)

The three tests your child will be doing cover reading comprehension, reading vocabulary and maths.

<http://www.nzcer.org.nz/tests/understanding-pats-parents-and-community> provides useful background information for parents about PATs.

**HOMEWORK**  
In Team Rimu, homework will consist of spelling and basic facts practice, reading and Mathematics. Every now and again, an individual class may send a one off task to be completed. We look forward to the opportunity of working together with you to enhance your child's learning.

### READING

In Years 3 & 4, we encourage students to become recreational readers, and to read for pleasure. This means that there is a move away from students bringing a book home every night to share with you. They may bring one book a week, which will be supplemented by their selection of library books once the school library is open again.

## SUNHATS

Please help your child to bring a hat and sunscreen to school. We are all very aware of the need to be sunsmart. It would be helpful if students could have a clearly named hat they can keep at school at all times.



Things you may be able to help with:

- Helping in your child's classroom
- Helping in our bookroom once a week
- Helping your child with their homework
- Making sure your child has a sunhat
- Having all your child's stationery at school by the end of week one
- Coming on our trip(s)

We are all looking forward to a great term together.

Warm regards,

Team Rimu

