

# Rimu Newsletter Term 2

## Welcome Back

We hope everyone had a fabulous holiday and are excited to be back for term 2. We have some exciting plans for this term that we are looking forward to.

The year 2s in Rimu are starting the term with swimming for the first two weeks. The swimming times are:

12:30 - Room 10

1:00 - Room 12

1:30 - Room 11

Parents are welcome to go to the Northern Arena and watch their child swimming.

In week 3, we will be starting a focus on Keeping Ourselves Safe. This is a programme that has been designed by the New Zealand police to teach children about safe and unsafe behaviours.

We will start training for the cross-country once swimming is completed. It can get quite muddy at this time of the year, so we encourage that the children wear old running shoes to school.

We look forward to seeing everyone throughout the term.

Warm regards

Dianne, Fenneke, Claire, Sharon and Shelley

## School Lunches

Thank you to everyone who makes the effort to keep lunches wrapper free. We are a wrapper free school, but have noticed that a number of lunches are starting to include wrappers and plastic wrap again. Please consider sustainable or biodegradable alternatives such as containers, beeswax wraps, reusable bags, or lunch paper.

## Term 2 Important Dates

3<sup>rd</sup> May - 14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 swimming at Northern Arena

21<sup>st</sup> May - Pink Shirt Day and Glo Playground fun night

31<sup>st</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June- Book Week and Book Fair

4<sup>th</sup> June - Teacher only day (school closed)

7<sup>th</sup> June- Queen's Birthday public holiday

10<sup>th</sup> June- Junior cross-country

21<sup>st</sup> June - PTA Quiz Night

7<sup>th</sup> July - Mid year conferences

9<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term

## Curriculum

All Rimu students are placed in reading and maths groups based on their needs and what they need to learn, rather than it being based on their age. The teachers regularly monitor the students and change their learning and level as needed.

**Inquiry-** We are starting the term with 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. We will be expanding our turangawaewae learning to include our local waterways.

**Literacy-** Guided reading groups will start in week 1. On Fridays, the reading focus is a poem. The poem book will be sent home so your child can share the poem with you. For writing, the children will be learning about planning, letter formation, essential spelling words, sentence structure, and descriptive writing.

**Mathematics-** The math strand we are focusing on this term is time (months of years and days of the week) and 2d and 3d shapes. With the number programme, we will be grouping within the class, based on the needs of the students.

**Physical Education-** The physical education programme includes daily physical activities. We will be focusing on training for the cross-country and big ball skills.

**Arts-** Rimu students will be doing a visual arts unit this term based on Hundertwasser's art and buildings.

## School Routines

8:30am - Road patrol begins and students start arriving at school.

8:55am- The bell rings and school starts. The roll is taken at this time. If a student is late then they will need to stop in at the office to receive a late pass.

9:55 - 10:00 - feed and read (brain food)

11:10- 11:45- Morning tea break.

1:25- 2pm - Lunchtime

2:55- School ends.