



# Rimu Team

## Term 1 Newsletter



### OUR LEARNING

Welcome to the Rimu team! A special welcome to any families new to Long Bay Primary.

#### **Term 1 Topic:** *Community*

This term students will be learning about what a community is and why they are important. Students will explore what makes communities successful and how they provide a sense of belonging. Students will develop their understanding of their school community, our local Long Bay community and how they have changed over time.

#### **Literacy:**

Students will continue with our structured literacy programme. Students practise encoding and decoding words daily, along with developing comprehension skills and learning new vocabulary. Students practise handwriting regularly to improve letter formation. There are no set expectations for home learning. However we do encourage you to read with your child for enjoyment whenever possible.

#### **Mathematics:**

This year we will be implementing the Maths No Problem resource school wide. This is in line with the structured mathematics and new curriculum approaches outlined by the Ministry of Education.

### COMMUNICATION

#### **Room 5 : Fenneke Gingell**

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Seesaw or email are a great way to keep in touch with us. We will do our best to reply promptly, within working hours.

### REMINDERS

Classrooms open at 8:30am. Please book your child into Kelly Club if they are arriving at school early.

Please make sure you have connected to your child's Seesaw account. Important notices from the school are sent on Seesaw.

Please don't include nuts in your child's lunch as we have a number of children who are highly allergic to them. We are a nut free school.

Hats are compulsory in Term 1. Students will need to wear a hat every day during break times. Please also make sure **all** their uniform is correctly named. This will help us to return lost uniform to the correct student.

Students need to bring their book bag to school every day. Library books will not be issued without a book bag.

#### **Library Days:**

Room 5 - Wednesday  
Room 6 - Tuesday  
Room 7 - Wednesday

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday 6th Feb Waitangi Day - school closed
- Wednesday 12th Feb 3:30-7pm
- Thursday 13th Feb 3:30 - 6pm
- Friday 14th Feb Mihi Whakatua (welcome assembly for new families and staff - 2pm)
- Friday 21st Feb Family picnic evening
- Friday 28th Feb Wheels Day
- Friday 21st March Wheels Day
- Friday 31st March Teacher Only Day - school closed
- Friday 5th April PTA Ice block day
- Friday 11th April Term 1 Ends
- Monday 28th April Term 2 begins