

# Rimu Team

## Term 2 Newsletter



### OUR LEARNING

#### **Topic:** *How things work*

Students will be exploring how inventions help people in everyday life. We'll investigate how technology has changed over time and look closely at how different tools work. Students will have the chance to design their own inventions, problem solve, and think creatively. To support our learning, we'll be visiting MOTAT for a hands-on experience with both historical and modern inventions.

#### **Literacy:**

We are continuing with our structured literacy programme, focusing on reading and writing more complex parts of the alphabetic code. Students will build on their decoding skills to read and spell longer, less familiar words with increased confidence. To support this, we encourage you to read with your child at home whenever possible.

#### **Mathematics:**

The Maths No Problem programme continues this term. Students will be focusing on addition and subtraction strategies. Practising basic facts to 20 at home is a great way to help. Students will then investigate 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. They will also be learning about measurement, specifically length.

### COMMUNICATION

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Hero or email are the best way to get 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 downloaded the Hero app, as all communication from the school will be sent via this. We are no longer using 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.

Students will be attending swimming lessons every day at Northern Arena for the first two weeks of term. Please make sure they have their togs, swimming cap, goggles and a towel packed each day.

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 - Tuesday

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 2<sup>nd</sup> May Mihi Whakatua (welcome assembly for new families)  
1:45pm in the hall
- 16<sup>th</sup> May Pink Shirt Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May class photos
- 26-30<sup>th</sup> May Book Week
- 30<sup>th</sup> May Book parade (dress up)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June King's Birthday public holiday
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June Trip to MOTAT
- 10<sup>th</sup> June Cross Country
- 20<sup>th</sup> June Matariki public holiday
- 25-26<sup>th</sup> June Parent teacher interviews (after school)
- 27<sup>th</sup> June Donut day and Term.2 Ends
- 14<sup>th</sup> July Term 3 begins