



Nikau Newsletter Term 3



Welcome back to the Nikau team for term three. We hope you all enjoyed a fantastic and relaxing holiday.

Term 3 is a busy term with lots on, so please read the information to find out what is happening. To help your child settle quickly into class routines could you please ensure they arrive at school after 8.30 am, but before the 8.55 am morning bell. School starts at 8.55 am. The school day finishes at 2.55pm. Remember classrooms will be locked until 8:30am.

Please feel welcome to pop into the classroom before and after school to view your child's work. There may be times when you wish to discuss your child with us. If we are not immediately available, we will arrange a convenient time to talk. It is very important to have good communication between home and school and we hope you will contact us if you have any concerns or queries.

Curriculum

We are continuing to focus on healthy waterways this term. We have been incredibly lucky to receive support from the Whitebait Connection, who have received funding to work with us. We have our second stream visit next week, so please come and join us if you can.

For literacy, students will be learning to use persuasive language and form strong opinions. They will have the opportunity to practise these skills with speeches later on the term. Nikaū students will also be learning to research and write information reports. They will continue to develop their planning, writing and editing skills and will use the Long Bay carriages to guide them.

Mathematics programmes will be based around geometry and number. With the number programme, we will be grouping within the class, based on the needs of the students. It is Maths Week in week 4, and the Nikaū students will be attending the World of Maths.

For physical education, we will be doing fitness every day, as well as a weekly rotation of hockey, soccer and badminton.

We are also focusing on encouraging the Nikaū students being independent and self-motivated learners. Every week we will have a different self-management focus. Every student should have a copy of the different focuses in their home learning books.

Our annual 'athon' this year is a factathon of New Zealand information. All LBP students will receive the questions relevant to their year group soon. They are to research them and see how many they can get correct when they are tested. All money raised goes towards new classroom resources.

School Uniform

Students should be wearing our school uniform with pride. It is important that the correct uniform is worn however we do understand that there may be times when it is necessary for non-regulation items to worn. An explanatory note would be appreciated. As we are entering the colder season, students should have a school jumper and a raincoat available. If girls are wearing tights, they must be navy or black. Please make sure all clothes are labelled.

Parent Help

Parent help is always welcome and there are many tasks that you can do to assist. For example supervising with trips outside the classroom, coaching or helping with sports teams etc. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to help. Also we do appreciate assistance with school-wide programmes such as Bookworm and sporting events.

Book Bags, Library Books and Notices

Please remember that students need their book bags every day. They need it for notices, home learning and for their readers and library books.

Every class has a weekly library visit and students are able to borrow up to 3 books. They have 2 weeks to read or renew these books. We are finding some books are overdue for months, so please can they be returned. They are unable to borrow a new book if there is an overdue book.



Upcoming Events

Awaruku Stream Visiting - Tuesday 1st August
Touch / Rippa Rugby Taster - Monday 7th August
Rippa Rugby Tournament- Thursday 10th August
Jump Jam Star Jam - Friday 11th August. Please bring a gold coin donation.
Class photos / Portraits - Monday 14th August
Factathon sponsorship forms due - Monday 14th August.
Factathon testing- Friday 18th August
World of Maths - Thursday 17th August
Daffodil Day - Friday 28th August. Please bring a gold coin donation if you wish to purchase a daffodil.
Team Photos - Thursday 31st August
School Disco - Friday 15th September
Last day of term - Friday 29th September



Thank you from all the teachers in Nikaū teachers.
We look forward to another wonderful term with all of the children.

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