

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

Dear Parents & Whanau,

Nau mai, Haere mai, Tena koutou ka toa

TE MOANA YEAR 3 & 4 - TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Term 2! Check out some of the upcoming dates below –

25 May	Student Led Conferences from 3:20pm (Book your time!)
1 June	Powhiri to welcome new families 9:15am
6 June	Cross Country
8 June	Keeping Ourselves Safe – Parent evening 5:30pm
23 June	Teacher Only Day – All Day
29 June	Matariki Celebrations 5:30pm
7 July	Last day of Term 2

The school calendar is also posted on the homepage of the school website (www.raumatibeach.school.nz). Please refer to this for up to date information.

Term 2 Learning

Our inquiry learning will be focussed around the concept of Challenge, specifically the challenges animals' face for survival. Students will be developing an understanding of what different animals need to survive, challenges some animals may face and the impact, both positive and negative, that humans have.

Our trip to the zoo earlier this term gave students a wonderful starting point for this inquiry, thank you so much to all the parents that came along over the three days and made the experience possible.

Literacy learning is integrated with our inquiry focus and helps to support students with finding and gathering new information as well as developing their ability to express their ideas and understanding through written and visual work.

Students have been working hard to improve their fitness and endurance leading up to the school Cross Country in week 6 (Tuesday June 6). Year three students will complete one lap of the course and year four students will complete two. This gives the year four students an opportunity to be selected for Regionals. You are welcome to come along and support the students on Tuesday morning.

Student-led Conferences

This term students will be sharing some of their maths learning with you through student-led conferences. This is an opportunity for your child to show you some of the ways they learn and the strategies they use to help them understand and work in maths.

There is a booking sheet outside each classroom for you to book a time to come along. If you are unable to make it in to school, let your child's teacher know your preferred time either by leaving a message with the office, sending a note with your child or sending an email.

Communication

We are always happy to have parents come and speak to us about how their child is going or things that are happening in the class or at school. You can usually find us between 8:30am and 8:55am in our classrooms or straight after school for a quick chat or to answer questions you may have.

If you feel you need longer, it would be best to make an appointment with your child's teacher. You can do this in person or by sending an email (teachers email addresses can be found on the school website).

Please remember that if you have any concerns or questions your child's classroom teacher should always be your first point of contact.

Mandarin Club

We are incredibly lucky to have the very talented Natalie Stone running Mandarin Club at Raumati Beach School every Tuesday at lunch time in Room 26. All children are welcome to join and learn about Chinese culture and Mandarin language.

A Chinese teacher visiting New Zealand for the year also attends the club to give students a really authentic experience. If your child is interested, please encourage them to head along – messages are also put in the school notices every Tuesday as a reminder.

School Uniform

It is expected that all students will wear correct school uniform at all times. As the weather becomes colder, this includes a school jumper or polar fleece, which can be purchased at the uniform shop from \$20. If there is a reason your child is not able to wear correct school uniform for a short period of time, please let teachers know to avoid any confusion.

School hours

There have been a growing number of students arriving at school early in the morning. School is NOT open until 8.30am and students are not permitted on-site without adult supervision prior to that time. This ensures the safety of your child, and means staff are free to focus on preparing for the day ahead.

Class starts at 8:55am, it is important for students to be in class for the start of the day. This time is important for building relationships within the class, sharing valuable information about what is happening at school and getting prepared for the school day ahead. It can be disruptive for both the late child and other students in the class when children arrive after this time.

If you cannot avoid being late (which we understand does happen), please remember to take your child to the office and sign them in before they come to class. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Victoria, Kirstin, Clare, Bobby, Kate and Natalie
Te Moana 3 & 4 Team