

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Whanau

Nau mai, Haere mai, Tena koutou ka toa

TE MOANA YEAR 3 & 4 - TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Term 3! Check out some of the upcoming dates below –

1 Sep	Bake Stall for Te Moana 3/4
8 Sep	ONSIE day – Fundraising for Wellington Free Ambulance
14 Sep	Discover China Day
11, 18, 21 Sep	Year 3/4 Pataka Visit (More details to come)
18 Sep	Artsplash Choir and Wearable Art performance
21 Sep	Dancesplash performance 5pm
22 Sep	Yummy Stickers due
29 Sep	Last day of Term 3

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 3 Learning

Our inquiry learning is focussed around the concept of Creativity and Innovation. This is a great opportunity for students to develop their critical thinking skills and try out some new activities. We have already had art rotations where students took part in dance, sculpture, wordart cartoons, music, drama and textile activities. It was wonderful to see them challenging themselves and enjoy some activities they hadn't tried before.

Sustainability will also be a focus for our learning this term with links made to recycling, reusing and repurposing items that may have otherwise been considered rubbish.

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.

Pataka Visit

This term students will be visiting Pataka Art + Museum in Porirua. Our visit is not until weeks 8 and 9 - more information will be coming out shortly.

The programme we will be taking part in is called Sustainability – Reduce, reuse and recycle it! Here is some more information from the Education team at Pataka:

At Pataka, we are big on taking care of the environment and have developed art related activities that model how to re-use waste materials and up-cycle them into art forms. Come and help us re-use plastic shopping bags, magazines, bottle tops, packing materials and other discarded goodies.

We have been asked to collect and bring along **cereal boxes and (clean) milk bottles with lids**. Please send any of these items to your child's class so we have a good supply by Week 8!

Artsplash Festival

Every year our students have an opportunity to participate in the Artsplash Festival held in Wellington at the Michael Fowler from the 18 -22nd September. This festival is a showcase of dance, music, visual art and wearable art for schools from around the Wellington region. This year some of our Year 3 and 4 students are part of the school choir and dance troop busy preparing for the festival. It's a wonderful opportunity and great experience for the students. Tickets will be available soon for purchase from the school office. We wish our students all the best and know they will enjoy their Artsplash experience.

Discover China Day

On September 14th Raumati Beach School will be hosting Discover China Day activities run by the Confucius Society. Room 26, 21 and classes from other schools in the region will be lucky enough to take part in a range of cultural experiences including martial arts, calligraphy, a tea ceremony and Chinese dance.

Parents are encouraged to come along and have a look or join in!

School Uniform

There have been a lot of lost fleeces recently, with the cold mornings and (slightly) warmer days. Many of the fleeces found on the playground are either not named, or the name has faded and it is impossible to read. We would love to be able to return lost clothing to students so please make sure all items are labelled clearly with your child's name.

Also, with the persistent rain, many children are arriving at school wet, or becoming wet and muddy during the day after playing in puddles or on the grass areas at school. It would be very helpful if your child could have a spare set of clothes with them in their bags on these days. Nobody wants to sit in wet clothes all day and the office only has a very limited supply for use in emergencies.

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Te Moana 3 and 4 Team