

# RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

30 July 2020

Tēnā koutou katoa,

## TE MOANA YRS 5 & 6 TERM THREE UPDATE

Welcome to Term Three in Te Moana Yr 5-6. It was great to see so many of you at parent-teacher interviews last week, and it has been great to see your children settle back so well to their learning. We have a number of exciting plans for this term, and a few organisational changes, making for a very busy term.

In terms of changes, principally we have bid a fond farewell to teacher and team leader Matt van Wheeler. In his place in Room 11, we are fortunate to have the services of Jonny Thompson, who has contributed a short introduction below.

Also, Room 20 teacher Paul Gilbert and Room 12 teacher Jenni Adams have been appointed to share the Team Lead role, just as it is currently done across the rest of the school.

We were also sorry to see deputy principal, Prisca MacDonald, set off to new endeavours, but we now have the pleasure of working with Kate Hudson-Gill in this capacity for the rest of the year.

Our term foci are laid out below: we are excited about giving our students plenty of engaging learning opportunities to progress and excel.

Ngā mihi nui

Jenni Adams & Paul Gilbert,  
**TEAM LEADERS, TE MOANA 5-6**

### Term 3 Learning

- ***Inquiry: “Parliament: How do people organise to solve big problems?”***  
This term we will be exploring the ways groups organise to face and implement change, including creating their own political party, a closer look at analysing (and broadcasting!) the news, and a “syndicate parliament” where students can debate and vote bills into laws. And a visit to Parliament in week 6.
- ***Mathematical thinking: Multiplication/Division, Measurement & Probability***  
In particular, our students will be facing the “productive struggle” of grappling with rich “real world” tasks and word problems.
- ***Literacy and language:*** in the context of our current inquiry, we will focus on Explanations, Information Reports as well as oral and presentation skills in debates and delivering “the news”.
- ***Health & Physical Education:*** Large ball skills will be the focus leading up to the Winter tournament in week 4; Sexuality Education is planned for the last weeks of the term (more information to follow).

### Introducing - Jonathan Thompson

Hi! I'm Jonathan Thompson. Everyone calls me Mr. T.

I've been teaching for several years. Some of that time has been in Wellington; some in Singapore. Prior to my years teaching I worked in the video and film industries - look deep within the credits on *Avengers*, and you'll see my name there! Creative technology has long been a passion of mine.

I have a baby daughter who keeps me busy, and, when I get the chance, I love to head outdoors, write, watch a movie, and get involved in the arts.

You can contact me at [jthompson@raumatibeach.school.nz](mailto:jthompson@raumatibeach.school.nz)

## Other notices

### ***Important Dates***

Remember to check Seesaw, school website, and school newsletter for additional school dates and details.

**Week 4** - Book Week events; Winter Tournament, **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

**Week 5** - Whole school Pōwhiri and “Mid-term Matariki” morning, **Thursday 20 August**

**Week 6** - Parliament visits for all classes, **Wednesday 26 August to Friday 28 August**

### ***Uniform requirements***

As we are still in the winter months, just a reminder to please support your child in maintaining the school uniform standards. Non-uniform sweats and hoodies must be removed on arrival, so school fleeces are a necessity to keep warm and well.

Thermals are permitted to be worn under school shirts, however these must be dark blue or black only.

### ***Talking about our topic***

With the whole team learning about parliament this term, it is a great time to discuss the news and upcoming election with your child, and show them the ins and outs of a newspaper or similar online sites you use. We will be doing much the same in class, and all helps to make for a rich inquiry.



### ***Registration for Rippa rugby lessons***

We are fortunate to have free Rippa rugby sessions for our classes in weeks 2 and 7. The only requirement is that all students are registered via this page or QR code:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/raumatibeach/Rugby-Registrations/Rippa-Rugby-Registration>

### ***Home-School communication***

We are always happy to speak with you about how your child is going in the class or at home. Your child’s classroom teacher should always be your first point of contact, and you can usually find us between 8:30 am and 8:55am in our classrooms or straight after school for a quick chat. If you feel you need longer, it would be best to make an appointment with your child’s teacher.

Regards,

Jenni Adams – Rm 12

Rosie Powell – Rm 10

Jonathan Thompson Rm 11

Paul Gilbert – Rm 20

Shellee May – Rm 19

Wendy Keaing – Rm 21