

# ***RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL***

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

## **TE MOANA JF - ROOM 20 - NEWSLETTER – TERM 1**

We're almost at the end of Term 1, how time has flown! A good time for an update on our learning this term and some of the plans ahead.

### **Our learning**

In mathematics we've had a recent focus on practising key skills and knowledge around place value, rounding and estimating, and we are soon moving into a first look at fractions. In literacy we have been analyzing and constructing narratives, with the goal of using our new knowledge to draft, revise and publishing a really effective, entertaining story.

We've also been exploring the concept of "community", particularly in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Kapiti Expressway, and are now looking at "identity", including some research into famous New Zealanders. We've also had plenty of great thinking and drama along the way.

### **Seesaw**

Room 20 has not using started Seesaw to share students' work with home yet, but you can expect to receive an invitation before the end of term.

### **Home learning**

The only official home learning in Room 20 is practicing times tables. Each student has nominated a times table to learn at home, and continue in this way until they have learned all 12. Some suggested techniques for practicing times tables are listed overleaf.

Students are also welcome to continue any of their school learning on their devices at home.

### **Shared lunch Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

With one of our students moving to another school next week, we are taking the opportunity to celebrate our progress as a class with a shared lunch. If your child could bring a small plate to share on Friday 12:45pm it would be appreciated. You are also very welcome to join us, and catch up for a chat.

Regards,

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## PRACTISING TIMES TABLES

These are some of the ways Room 20 likes to practice their time tables. Please practice one times table at a time (unless you are super confident). And always practice out of order!

If you can write them all in a minute, you've probably got it.

**Hopscotch:** Have a numbered hopscotch court. Hop and hold your balance on that numbered square until you solve the times table for it.

**Playing cards:** Shuffle a pack of cards and draw one at a time - multiply them by the times table you are practicing. (Jacks are worth 11, Queens 12, Kings 13).

**Times table:** draw a grid 1-12 (but in random order) to multiply and write down as quickly as possible.

**Car call-out:** If out with the family in the car, have random times table problems thrown at you.

**Prototec.co.nz:** a good website for time tables tests once you get good.

My first times table target: \_\_\_\_\_