

# Team Rimu Newsletter

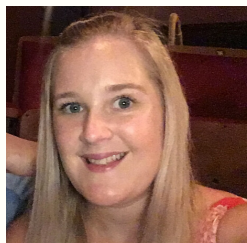
## West Park School



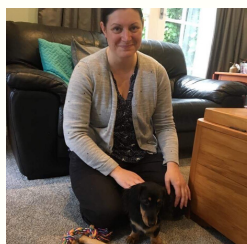
## Welcome back to school Team Rimu!

It has been a wonderful first few weeks of Term 1! We have a very busy time ahead! This newsletter details all events, learning topics and introduces you to all of Team Rimu's teachers. It also contains further information on homework for term 1.

### Meet the teachers:



**Kia ora I'm Nicola Douthett, this is my 1st year teaching in Rimu but I have been at West Park School for 5 years. I love teaching science and am looking forward to exploring this with the Year 4s. In my spare time I like to swim, read and spend time with my family. I live in Johnsonville with my partner and my cat!**



**My name is Alisa Schilder and I'm super excited to be teaching Room 4 this year! 2020 will be my fifth year at West Park School, and it's been great to experience teaching at Year 5, 6, and more recently Year 3 across this time.. In my spare time, I love to craft (mostly knitting and cross stitch) and spend time with my husband and two little dachshund dogs. Literacy is a passion of mine; I read as much as I can and enjoy writing and playing with words - I think this interest is probably pretty clear to the kids when I teach literacy topics!**

### Special dates to note:

#### **2/3/20 - All day**

Staff only day - there is no school this day

#### **9/3/20 - 20/3/20 every day**

Swimming programme  
Parent help needed!

#### **24/3/20 - All day**

ASB Sports Center Trip

#### **Week 9**

Trip to Somes Island  
Year 3  
more details to come

#### **Week 10**

Trip to Somes Island  
Year 4  
more details to come

#### **8/4/20**

Swimming sports (only Year 4)  
Keith Spry Pool

#### **9/4/20**

Last day of school for Term 1



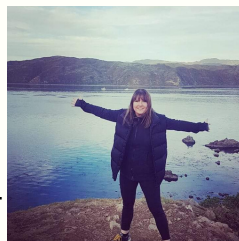
**Kia ora my name is Grace and this is my second year teaching at West Park School. I love animals and in my spare time I volunteer at the SPCA. I enjoy physical activity and being active and I am really excited for another fun-filled year.**



**Kia ora I am Jeremy Coenen. I have been at West Park school for 3 years. I enjoy playing computer games and the dramatic arts. I grew up in Tauranga and I look forward to having a fun and exciting 2020.**



**Hi I'm Maree MacIver I've been working part time at West Park School for several years now. I love working in all the Teams alongside classroom teachers and the students I have two children of my own, aged 10 and 11 who go to local schools.**



**I'm Jade and this is my 8th year teaching. I'm from England but after lots of travelling and teaching abroad, I am now lucky enough to call Wellington home. This is my third Year at West Park School and I'm excited for the year ahead.**



**Hi Im Ann and this is my second time doing Fridays at West Park. I have 2 children of my own who are 4 and 6. With the 4 year old I am involved with Ngaio playcenter. As a family we enjoy going to the beach, spending time in the garden and baking.**

Nicola Douthett is teaching in Room 6, Jeremy Coenen is teaching in Room 5, both are located in the hall until Term 2. Alisa Schilder is teaching in Room 4, currently located in Room 11 until Term 2. Grace Esquilant is teaching in Room 3, currently located in the old library space until Term 2. Jade Poulter is teaching in Room 2. Ann Wix teaches in Room 6 every second Friday. Maree MacIver teaches in Room 2 every second Friday.

## What is happening this term?

To start this year we began with a topic titled "Our individual differences are our strengths". This has focussed on our individual differences and how we work together utilising these. After Week 4 we will begin to focus on "How NZ has changed?", the exact focus of this topic will match our students interests and learning needs, please ask your classroom teacher for an update!

Our PE focus is team sports, focusing on Hockey, Cricket, Volleyball, Tennis and Tball. We also have swimming this term. In Art we will be focusing on portraits using different mediums.

## Homework 2020

Your child should have already bought home their homework book with the homework tasks to complete. These tasks can be completed at any time during the following weeks, and will be checked each Friday in class.

Spelling this year will be based on spelling patterns and sounds. All teachers will assess students phonological knowledge (the sounds that they know) this coming week and then new spelling words will be in their homework book which follow any unknown spelling patterns. If you have any questions about homework please don't hesitate to speak to your classroom teacher.

## Other things to note:

- Each class has a brain break every day, please pack fruit or vegetables in your child's lunch
- All clothing items need to be named, we already have a large amount of unnamed lost property!
- In Terms 1 and 4 all students need to bring a hat to wear during break times
- We would love any and all parent help! Please let us know if/when you are available!