

Team Rimu Newsletter

West Park School



Welcome back to school Team Rimu!

We are so excited to be welcoming the students back to school this week! We hope you have had a restful and fun holiday break. In this newsletter we will introduce the teachers of Team Rimu and highlight some important dates, please note that our swimming dates are not confirmed. This will be updated asap. We will also share our upcoming topics of inquiry.

Meet the teachers:



Kia ora I'm Nicola Douthett, this is my 2nd year teaching in Rimu and I am looking forward to teaching in Room 9. This will be my 7th year at West Park. In my spare time, I like to bake, dance, read and spend time with my family.



Hi, my name is Laura Bell and I am so excited to be joining Team Rimu this year and teaching an amazing bunch of students in Room 10! I have spent the last couple of years at West Park School teaching in Team Kahikatea and can't wait to become more familiar with the students and their families in Team Rimu as well. Before becoming a Primary School Teacher, I used to coach swimming, gymnastics and teach dance classes. On the weekends you will find me exploring the outdoors. I love going to the beach, swimming, and finding new walking tracks to hike.

Special dates to note:

8/2/21 - All day

Waitangi day observed - There is no school on this day.

9/2/21

First day of school

16/2/21 and 17/2/21

Meet the teacher, please book in.

2/3/21 and 3/3/21

Trip to Somes Island

Year 3 on the 2/3

Year 4 on the 3/3

8/3/21 - All day

ASB Sports Center Trip

2/4/21- 6/4/21

Good Friday, Easter Monday and Tuesday - No school

7/4/21

Teacher only day - No school

16/4/21

Last day of school for Term 1



Hi Im Paula. I have taught in the junior school at West Park for 8 years and am excited to move to Team Rimu. I have 1 husband, 3 children and 2 cats. I love bush walks, spending time with my family and travelling to new places.



Kia ora I am Jeremy Coenen. I have been at West Park school for 4 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 2021.



Hi my name is Howard Young and I am looking forward to working in Room 9 on Wednesdays. I love sport, art, travel, cooking and am an enthusiastic wearer of caps. I'm excited to share these passions with the class while also learning all about the things that they love. While most of my time will be spent working in the DP and SENCO roles or with Team Kahikatea I am thrilled to connect with the students at Year 3 and 4.



My name is Devon and this is my first year as a registered teacher. I am super excited to be teaching at West Park School and to be a part of the Rimu team this year. I am a very social person who loves to spend time with friends and family in my spare time, and I have a strong love for music, photography, tennis, and coffee!



Hi Im Sally! This is my 12th year at West Park. I have taught in a variety of roles at all levels across the school. I have 2 teenage children who also attended West Park School. Outside of school I enjoy sports, baking and reading. I am looking forward to another great year working with the children, families and staff at West Park School.

Jeremy Coenen and Paula McIvor are teaching in Room 7 and 8. Nicola Douthett is teaching in Room 9, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Howard Young will teach Wednesdays. Laura Bell is teaching in Room 10. Devon Ward will be teaching in Room 11 on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Sally Rowe will teach in Room 11 on Tuesdays.

What is happening this term?

To start this year we began with a topic titled "Ko wai matou? Who are we?". This focusses on our individual strengths and how we can all work together as a class. After Week 4 we will begin to focus on our local environment, 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 Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Football, and Rippa Rugby. We also have swimming this term. In Visual Art we will be working on animal art using different mediums, and in Drama we will be looking at the movements of animals.

Homework 2021

Your child will bring home their homework book with the homework tasks to complete on the first Friday of term. These tasks can be completed at any time during the following weeks and will be checked each Friday in class. We will also assess spelling words and give students new words weekly. We also ask that students work on Mathletics and Read Theory regularly, their passwords will be given out in the first week.

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!