

Team Rimu Newsletter

West Park School



NZDance Competition practice on the top field - All of Team Rimu

Welcome back to school Team Rimu!

We can't believe how quickly Term 4 has rolled around! Please read this newsletter thoroughly as it has important dates and information on what we will be learning about this term.

In term 4 our focuses will be:

- Our Culture, students will explore their culture, where they come from and the impact it has on them. Please look at the final page of the newsletter which has some questions for you. These will help your child begin their research. They will also be sent out in homework books in the first week of term. This is completed as part of social sciences.
- Music and sound. Students will investigate the science behind sound and sound waves. Then they will get to explore rhythm with both body percussion and instruments. We will finish this unit with students creating their own music digitally.
- In PE the term will start with some Athletics, practicing in the afternoon in Week 1, then the Athletics competitive day on Friday. From Week 2 to 6 Students will experience Volleyball, TBall, Touch Rugby, Cricket, and Tennis.
- For Term 3 our students practiced their NZDance competition moves and they are looking great! We will be filming their routine early in the term and entering the competition. If we win, some students from West Park will be selected to dance on the competition video for next year!
- Students will have the opportunity to learn from another dance choreographer, on the 16th of November,

Special dates to note:

Monday - 18/10/21

First day of Term 4

Friday - 22/10/21

Year 4-6 Athletics Day

Monday - 25/10/21

Labour Day - No School

Friday - 5/11/21 - If at Level 1

Grandparents day

12.15pm - 3:00pm

Friday - 12/11/21 - If at Level 1

Maori and Pasifika Variety Night

Some students performing

Tuesday - 16/11/21

One off Dance lesson at school

9:45am-10:30am

Friday - 26/11/21

Johnsonville Clean up

1:30pm

Friday - 10/12/21

Whole school Colour Run

Monday - 13/12/21

End of Year trip to Khandallah park

All Day

Friday - 17/12/21

Last day of school - 12.45pm finish

- During the final month of Term 4, the students will have a chance to explore painting in visual arts, this could be on paper, canvas, or alternative materials like rocks. There will also be a full art day in Week 10, where students can select a project to work on for the day.
- Our Rock and Water focus will be verbal communication. We will focus on the differences between a Rock and a Water attitude, and how this influences our communication to others.

Homework:

This term we will be continuing with the Hell Pizza Reading Wheels. Students can complete a reading bingo task, and get a segment signed off. If all 7 segments have been signed off, then the student can trade their wheel for a pizza at their nearest hell pizza.

There will also be additional optional activities provided in students' homework books.

Upcoming event details:

Grandparents, or other special older adult day!

5th of November 12.15 - 3

We were so looking forward to this event but due to COVID alert levels remaining at 2 it is looking unlikely that it would be safe to host that many people, especially some of our communities most vulnerable members. If Wellington is to drop to alert level 1 we will revisit if this event can go ahead, but if not, the students will spend the afternoon creating for and celebrating their Grandparents or special older adult in a way that could be shared via video.

Clean up Johnsonville Afternoon

26th of November 1.30

Team Rimu is going to work together to clean up Johnsonville! Armed with gloves, rubbish bags and a can-do attitude all classes will walk around Johnsonville clearing up any rubbish that may have accumulated. We would love you to join us! Permission slips will come out early in Term 4.

Colour Run

10th of December

More information to come soon - Check the school newsletter.

End of year trip

13th of December All-day

Students will explore their local community on our Rimu end of year trip. Leaving school just after 9am we will walk Mt Kau Kau to Khandallah park. We will eat our lunches and play in the park and then catch the train back to Johnsonville. Payment and permission slips will come out early in Term 4.

Reminders:

- Sunhats need to be worn in Term 4 and 1. Please ensure your child has one and knows they will be required to wear it during playtime hours, and PE. It is also a great idea to put on sunscreen before school.
- Shoes need to be worn in the playground, so please ensure your child brings a pair to school.
- Students have a brain break at 10 am each day, teachers encourage students to have fruit or veggies in this time.
- On the last day of school, classes end at 12.45 pm.

Can you share some information?

What country was your child born in? Were you born there too? Were your parents or grandparents born anywhere else?

Does your child have another name they are called at home?

Was your child named after anyone? Why were they named after them?

Have you or your child ever lived in another country? Can you tell us about it?

Do you have any events or festivals you celebrate?

Do you have any traditional foods in your culture ?
(We would love recipes)

Is there anything else that would be helpful to know?