

HARAKEKE HERALD

News, Information, Key Dates and Celebrations
May 14th 2021



Key Dates

14th May **Raroa visit**
25th May **Northern Zone Cross Country**
2nd June **Māori Whānau Consultation**
2nd June **Bee Healthy Dentist on site**
4th June **Teacher Only Day**
24th June **Matariki**
24th June **Newlands Visit**
29th June **Northern Zone Hockey**
30th June **School Disco**
2 July **J'ville Maths Ladder competition**
6th July **Science Quiz**
7th July **School Swimming Sports**

Kia ora Whānau,

Term 2 has well and truly started and I think we've all noticed a change in the weather. There have been a few kids feeling it, so please insist they bring three layers to school for those cold days coming our way.

Curriculum

This Term, the inquiry unit is science. The amazing ambassadors from the Wonder Project are bringing their expertise in to motivate, guide and model STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) practices in action. Each of the classes in Harakeke have been provided with equipment required to prepare a rocket. In teams they will design, make and (hopefully) launch a pneumatic rocket near the end of term 2. Prime maths will be focussing on multiplication and division and fractions work. The students are writing texts to suit their needs. Choosing the right text type (persuasion, narration procedural) and knowing the structure of each of them will be goals to work in this term. Te reo Māori is represented well, with a vibrant and energetic Kapa Haka group and specialist teacher, Adrienne in classes regularly, supporting both student and teacher growth, using simple sentence structure of classroom items. Our JSPA programme is encouraging students to dance, sing and perform. Chess club started last week and Choir started on the 13th May.

Swimming

Easy swim have taken over the swimming lessons for term 2. They will be putting kids into groups with similar learning needs and will target those areas of need with specific learning goals. The time table has changed a little bit but the attitude to swimming has not! Everyone is keen and putting in 100% effort.

Time	Class
Tuesday 11-11:30	Room 13
Tuesday 11:30-12	Room 12
Tuesday 12-12:30	Room 11
Wednesday 11-11:30	Room 10

Intermediate Visits

We have an upcoming visit to Newlands Intermediate. It is a chance to have a look at the programmes offered, meet some of the personal and get to know the physical locations of important areas. A day at Raroa was on the 14th May and the trip to Newlands intermediate is on the 24th June.

Refurbishment

We are very much looking forward to moving into the newly refurbished rooms 10-13. I have had a sneak peek and they are looking fantastic. Just a few more surface features to be completed and we will be ready to head back in around week 5. They are going to be excellent places to work with all the modern conveniences of sound proofing, indoor outdoor flow and Information Technology support.

Reminder

Please ensure that your child is not arriving at school before 8:30. Many teachers have meetings until this time, and the children are unsupervised until teachers have finished meetings and preparation. Simple changes like dropping kids a few minutes walk from school, leaving a few minutes later or signing up to before school care with the YMCA are some possible solutions.

Ngā mihi nui,

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