

# RARANGA

## Term 2 Newsletter 2025

### Start of the day

School starts at 8:55am. It is important that students are at school and ready to learn at this time. If your child is late for school, they must sign in at the school office as soon as they arrive.

### Being an Upstander

This term as well as promoting our school CIPHER values, we will be focusing on how to be an upstander.

An upstander is a person who uses words and actions that can help someone who is being bullied.

You can find out more about being an upstander at <https://pinkshirtday.org.nz/upstander>.

### Matariki Open Afternoon

We would love to have you join us for our open afternoon on Thursday 19 June from 2pm until 2:45. We will be doing Matariki themed activities in our classrooms. This is a great opportunity for you to see our classes in action.



Kia ora koutou. We hope you all had a restful break and that your children are eager to get back to school. We are looking forward to a very busy term.

## Learning focus for Term 2

Our Year 4 and 5 maths programme for the beginning of this term will focus on developing subtraction strategies. Later in the term we will focus on multiplication and division strategies. Our Year 6 students will be working on multiplication and division, order of operations and fractions.

Our inquiry for this term is focused around volcanoes. Students will have opportunities to learn about the science of volcanoes, as well as learning pūrākau which link to this learning.



## Supporting your child's learning at home

We are often asked about how parents can support their child's learning at home. These are some ways that you can do that.

**Help them learn their times tables.** Students all have an account from Times Table Rock Stars. This is a good way for them to help them memorise the multiplication facts.

**Reading** Encourage your child to spend some time each day reading. Reading to your children is really valuable too, even when they are able to read by themselves.

**Ask questions** You might like to ask some of these questions: What was the most interesting thing you learned today? What was your favourite subject today? What made you laugh?

Our reading programme will support students inquiry learning. We will read texts related to our inquiry topic. Students will learn to find key information in a non-fiction text and to summarise a fiction text.

Our writing programme will also support this learning. Students will use their developing skills to write about what they have learned about volcanoes and to retell pūrākau. They will also have the opportunity to write on a range of other topics and in a variety of genre (including narratives, explanations and recounts).

## Swimming

This term, our lessons will be taught by EasySwim instructors. This is a great opportunity for our students to receive lessons from trained swimming instructors. We hope all of our students will make the most of this opportunity.

Swimming is a compulsory part of our school programme. If your child is unable to swim for some reason, please send a note or email your class teacher to let us know.

On their swimming day, your child will need to bring their swimming togs, towel, goggles and a swimming cap. On colder days, it is a good idea to have a warm hat to wear after swimming.

Our swimming days are:

Rooms 11 and 12 - Wednesday

Rooms 13 and 14 - Tuesday

Rooms 15 and 16 - Wednesday

## Contacting us

You can contact us by email. However, please be aware that we can not guarantee that we will check our emails during the school day. If you need us to get a message during the day, it is best if you contact the school office and they will make sure we get the message.

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