

# Te Hua Rakau & Te Kaupeka Newsletter

## Term Three, 2023

Welcome to Term Three! We hope you all had a fabulous holiday and are feeling somewhat refreshed and ready for a great term.

Our teaching team in **Te Hua Rakau** remains the same this term: Peter Nolan (Mr Nolan) is based in Room 11 and Danielle McMurchie (Mrs McMurchie) is based in Room 12. We are supported by Joanna Mason and Kylie Morete at times during the week.



Our teaching team in **Te Kaupeka** has Wendy Keating (Whāea Wendy) in Room 6, Bobby Pansters (Mr P) in Room 10 and Adam Dewe (Mr Dewe) in Room 9. Hannah Fraser, Mandy Bruce, Joanna Mason, Maddy West, Sarah Newbould and Kylie Morete will continue to support learning across the team.

Dave Saunders (Mr Saunders) will be on a Thursday as Danielle's release teacher and Richard Bond (Mr Bond) will be in on a Thursday as Wendy's release teacher. We have employed Helen Gray to teach 5 extra days in Room 12, this is to release Danielle who will be supporting students within the Te Hua Rakau team.

Please come and make yourself known to us, as we firmly believe that parents and teachers are all a team, working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child.

If you have any queries or concerns over the term please feel free to contact your child's teacher directly. Contact can be by phone 06 364 3071, by letter or by email; [peter.nolan@th.school.nz](mailto:peter.nolan@th.school.nz), [danielle.mcmurchie@th.school.nz](mailto:danielle.mcmurchie@th.school.nz), [wendy.keating@th.school.nz](mailto:wendy.keating@th.school.nz), [bobby.pansters@th.school.nz](mailto:bobby.pansters@th.school.nz), [adam.dewe@th.school.nz](mailto:adam.dewe@th.school.nz). Danielle holds the pastoral responsibility for Room 9, Room 10, Room 11 and Room 12 so please feel free to contact her at any stage also.

### Term Three Curriculum

	Year 4 - 6	Year 7 - 8
<b>Te Reo Tuatahi</b>	Marae Learning Unit as part of the Te Reo Tuatahi programme	
<b>PB4L (Positive Behaviour For Learning)</b>	<i>As identified as areas to develop by the Year 7 &amp; 8 students:</i> Returning play equipment Following duty teams instructions Playing in a way that makes others feel safe Being upstanders Listening and taking turns	
<b>Reading</b>	Developing reading comprehension strategies through small group sessions. Links to Aotearoa NZ Histories learning	Active listening through podcasts related to Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Note-taking and summarising ideas Comprehension questions

<b>Writing</b>	Understanding and using the features of different genre (eg, explanation, persuasive, report writing)	Short writes with a focus on ideas, structure and organisation
<b>Handwriting</b>	Own class handwriting programmes based on individual needs	
<b>Spelling</b>	Own class spelling programmes based on individual needs	
<b>Mathematics</b>	Week of Inspirational Maths Rational Numbers (fractions, decimals, percentages, ratios) Addition/Subtraction strategies Statistics investigations	Collaborative Mathematics - Number knowledge, fractions, decimals and percentages Space and shape
<b>Physical Education</b>	Target games Invasion games	
<b>Languages - Year 7/8</b>	N/A	Room 11 - Japanese with Mr Saunders Room 12 - Sign Language with Mr Nolan
<b>Inquiry</b>	Aotearoa New Zealand Histories - Something Happened Here <i>36 treasure hunts reveal the history of a place in a specific location. Together we will solve clues and search archives for more information. We unravel the stories and view these from a range of perspectives. We will gain an understanding that history can be messy!</i>	
<b>Health</b>	N/A	Sexuality Education continues (as previously notified)
<b>Technology</b>	N/A	The students will rotate around Cooking with Whaea Nic, Sewing with Whaea Amanda and Construction with Mr Nolan. The children will experience all areas over the year. This is taking place in Week 6.
<b>Music Programme</b>	Ukulele - one session per week with Rachel Jackson  Choir with Simon Edmonds (by choice)	Ukulele - one session per week with Rachel Jackson Guitar, Drum and Band sessions that some children have already opted into. Choir with Simon Edmonds (by choice)

## Dates For Your Diaries

<b>Week One, 17 July - 21 July</b>	<b>Week Two, 24 July - 28 July</b>
Monday - Term One begins Tuesday - Learning Conversations Wednesday - Kapa Haka Thursday - Otaki College Open Day, Learning Conversations, Music Options Friday - Ukulele	Wednesday - Kapa Haka, Year 8 Careers Expo Thursday - Music Options Friday - Ukulele
<b>Week Three, 31 July - 1 August</b>	<b>Week Four, 7 August - 11 August</b>
Thursday - Music Options Friday - Ukulele, Assembly (hosted by Seniors)	Maths Week Wednesday - Kapa Haka Thursday - Music Options, Pop Up Band Concert Friday - Ukulele, Mastermind
<b>Week Five, 14 August - 18 August</b>	<b>Week Six, 21 August - 25 August</b>
Wednesday - Kapa Haka Thursday - Music Options Friday - Ukulele, Assembly (hosted by Year 4 - 6), Disco Fundraiser	Monday - Year 7 & 8 Technology Tuesday - Year 7 & 8 Technology Wednesday - Year 7 & 8 Technology Thursday - Kapa Haka, Music Options Friday - Ukulele, Daffodil Day
<b>Week Seven, 28 August - 1 September</b>	<b>Week Eight, 4 September - 8 September</b>
Tuesday - Year 7 & 8 Senior Winter Tournament (postponement Wednesday) Wednesday - Kapahaka, Bandquest Thursday - Music Options Friday - Assembly (hosted by Year 0 - 3), Ukulele	Life Education Lessons (delivered by experts) Thursday - Music Options Friday - Ukulele Saturday - Paddy's Mart
<b>Week Nine, 11 September - 15 September</b>	<b>Week Ten, 18 September - 22 September</b>
Maori Language Week Life Education Lessons (delivered by experts) EPRO8 Internal Event TBC Tuesday - Kapiti College Options Day Wednesday - Kapahaka Thursday - Music Options Friday - Assembly (hosted by Year 7 & 8), Ukulele	EPRO8 Internal Event Thursday - Music Options Friday - Ukulele

## **IMPORTANT Headphones / Earbuds!!!**

The Year 7 & 8 children will be listening to podcasts as part of their Reading programme. Headphones or earbuds will be important so that we are not all listening in surround sound. If your child has a set of headphones or earbuds that they use at home it would be great if they could bring these to school with them. Thanks to those who have already thought about this and sent them along.

## **Seesaw - A window into the classroom**

We'll continue to share lots of our team's fun on Seesaw. We love it when you add comments to our posts. Please check with your teacher if you're having trouble connecting to the 2023 class Seesaw page.

## **Lost Property**

The Lost Property Box is located on the ramp up to Room 7 & 8. To assist with the safe return of items it would be appreciated if you could name your child's clothing. Unclaimed items are donated to charity at the end of each term.



## **PE**



We have timetabled PE daily; whether it be fitness activities or PE lessons. For this reason, we ask that your child(ren) brings appropriate footwear daily. For those children who cannot participate in PE for prolonged periods, we ask that a note to the teacher is provided (email is fine).

## **Snack Break and Water**

Water and food fuels the brain! The children are welcome to have a water bottle in class and will be encouraged to have a healthy snack break during the first session of the day. The children may fill up their drink bottles from the taps in the classroom.

## **Cellphones**

We understand that many children need their cellphone at school for personal arrangements and safety reasons before and after school and encourage them to bring their cellphone to school for this purpose. Once the children are at school the cellphones are handed in and are taken to the school

office. At the end of the day, we collect them and hand them back to the children. If you need to get a message to your children during the day, we ask that this is directed via the school office so that we can ensure the message gets through to the children.

## Links To Other Documents and Information

Documents:	Relevant for
<a href="#">Camp Fundraising</a>	Year 6 and Year 8 parents
<a href="#">Year 8 Camp Information</a> Includes links to permission forms	Year 8 parents
Year 6 Camp Information  <a href="#">Year 6 Forest Lakes Camp 2023 - Notice #1</a>	Year 6 parents
<a href="#">Aotearoa New Zealand History podcasts</a>	Anyone who is interested - Danielle is finding she is learning a lot!
<a href="#">Te Reo Tuatahi Whanau Lessons</a> password: t3r30m40r!	Anyone who is interested
<a href="#">Literacy Hub</a> & <a href="#">Maths Hub</a> Your child will need to be signed in to their school email address	We often refer to the Literacy & Maths Hubs when making suggestions on how you can help your child at home
<a href="#">Ideas to help with Reading, Writing and Mathematics at home</a>	Anyone who is looking for some further support

## Endnote

If you have any concerns regarding your child's performance both academically and/or socially, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Danielle McMurchie (if your child is in Room 9, 10, 11 or 12) Wendy Keating (if your child is in Room 6), or Allie McHugo. It is always better to address concerns early so that they can be resolved positively and quickly.

Kind regards

Danielle McMurchie, Peter Nolan, Adam Dewe, Bobby Pansters & Wendy Keating