

Te Hua Rakau & Te Kaupeka Newsletter

Term Two, 2023

Welcome to Term Two! 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 we welcome Adam Dewe (Mr Dewe) to Room 9. Rooms 9 and 10 are supported by both Mandy Bruce and Joanna Mason at times during the week, and Room 6 by Maddy West, Sarah Newbould and Kylie Morete.

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. If your child is in Room 12 or Room 6 you will be notified of any change to this plan.

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, danielle.mcmurchie@th.school.nz, wendy.keating@th.school.nz, bobby.pansters@th.school.nz, 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 Two Curriculum

	Year 4 - 6	Year 7 - 8
Te Reo Tuatahi	Karakia Whakamutanga - karakia to close the day Karakia Kai - karakia before morning tea and lunch Te Maramataka Maori - the Maori calendar Te Ahuarangi - the weather Matariki	
PB4L (Positive Behaviour For Learning)	Safe spaces Behaviour at events Listening & instructions Doing the right thing	
Reading	Comprehension Strategies: Making Connections, Asking Questions	Novel Studies
Writing	Own class writing programmes based on individual needs	Short writes with a focus on language features and surface features (punctuation)

Handwriting	Own class handwriting programmes based on individual needs	
Spelling	Own class spelling programmes based on individual needs	
Mathematics	Measurement - Time Collaborative Mathematics - Multiplication, Division and Number Knowledge Measurement - Perimeter, Area and Volume	
Physical Education	Cross Country Striking & Fielding	
Languages	Links to Te Reo Tuatahi as noted above	Room 12 - Japanese Room 11 - Sign Language
Inquiry	Production - Shrek Junior for those children who are in the cast and opt in to supporting the show with props, backdrops, sound & lighting etc. Mr Dewe and Mr P will support this. All others will be involved in a three weekly rotation with Whaea Wendy, Mrs McMurchie and Mr Nolan. These activities will include: Matariki Dance, Collaborative Fibre Arts and Science.	
Health, Digital Technologies	Year 5 - 8 students - Sexuality Education (as previously notified) Year 4 students - Digital Citizenship with Mr Dewe	
Technology	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 next three terms. This is taking place in Week 6.
Listening	N/A	Sustained silent listening programme to raise achievement in listening comprehension.

Dates For Your Diaries

Week One, 24 - 28 April	Week Two, 1 - 5 May
Monday - Teacher Only Day Tuesday - ANZAC Day Wednesday - Term Two begins, Kapa Haka Thursday - Bands with Anje Friday - Mihi Whakatau	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations in this week Tuesday - Otaki Swimming Sports Wednesday - Kapa Haka Thursday - Bands with Anje Sunday - King's Coronation

Week Three, 8 - 12 May	Week Four, 15 - 19 May
Book Week and Book Fair Wednesday - Kapa Haka Thursday - Bands with Anje Friday - Assembly (hosted by Aurora and Zavier) Sunday - Mother's Day	Road Safety Week Cross Country - Date TBC Wednesday - Kapa Haka Thursday - Bands with Anje
Week Five, 22 - 26 May	Week Six, 29 May - 2 June
Thursday - Bands with Anje Friday - Assembly (hosted by Year 4 - 6)	Monday - Year 7 & 8 Technology Tuesday - Year 7 & 8 Technology Wednesday - Year 7 & 8 Technology Thursday - Kapa Haka and Bands with Anje
Week Seven, 5 - 9 June	Week Eight, 12 - 16 June
Monday - King's Birthday Tuesday - Interschool Cross Country (Kapiti) Thursday - Bands with Anje Friday - Assembly (hosted by Year 0 - 3) Friday - Paraparaumu College Open Day	Monday - Paraparaumu College Open Evening Monday - STRIKE Concert for all students Thursday - Bands with Anje
Week Nine, 19 - 23 June	Week Ten, 26 - 30 June
Wednesday - Kapiti College Open Day Thursday - Bands with Anje Friday - Assembly (hosted by Year 7 & 8)	Tuesday - Regional Cross Country Thursday - Bands with Anje Friday - Matariki Breakfast and last day of term

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.



Headphones / Ear Buds

We have a very limited number of headphones at school for the children to use. 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. It can get quite confusing in the classroom when all the children are listening to an activity in surround sound ☺ Thanks to those who have already thought about this and sent them along.

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 are unable to participate in PE for prolonged periods of time 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 of the 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 locked away for the duration of the school day. 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.

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