



Lyttelton PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura Tuatahi o Ōhinehou

Our Learning Place

Rakinui Pānui Term 1 2020

Kia ora koutou katoa, Haere mai

A warm welcome to all the whanau who have joined Rakinui this year. Rakinui is about the sky above us, showing us that our learning can expand with no end.

We are made up of Raupo Y5/6 and Totara Y7/8. While some things are specific for each of the learning spaces, we integrate in a number of areas.

He waka eke noa - We are all in this together

Nina, Anne, Emily and Rachel

Ngā Uara / Values - Encompassed in all our learning

Manaakitanga Respect	Ngākau aroha Empathy	Manawanui Perseverance
Mahinga Kai Inquiry	Mahinga Kai Our first Inquiry is about Mahinga kai. Mahinga kai is about the value of natural resources that sustain life, including the life of people. It is important to manage and protect these resources, in the same way that ancestors have done before us.	
Newsletters	Please keep up to date with regular news and events through the school newsletter (www.lyttelton.school.nz). Rakinui newsletter will be emailed at the beginning of every term.	
Assembly	Whole school assemblies will be on every second Friday at 9.15am until around 10am. First assembly is on Friday 14 February with a mihi whakatau for our new staff members and children. Our assemblies are student driven and are a fantastic opportunity to showcase the achievements and talents of your children.	
Drama and Music	Drama is fortnightly with Mike Friend from LAF. He works through a graded programme introducing the basics at Y5 and developing the students' skills through to Y8. Carmel Courtney works with Rakinui students on a music programme. We also have Chris Ablett teaching guitar and Candice Milner teaching singing. If you are interested in utilising these tutors please see Kate or Suzy in the office.	

Swimming Weeks 2 and 3	<p style="text-align: center;">Swimming - Monday 10th - Friday 21st Feb</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10am - 11am year 5&6 11am - 12pm year 7&8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Swimming Sports Thursday 27th February 9am - 1pm</p>
Family Picnic and BBQ Friday 21 February 4-6pm	<p>We like to celebrate the start of a new year with a Family Picnic and BBQ at the Pool. This is a lovely opportunity to come together as a school and relax while enjoying a swim and sharing of food. The school will supply sausages and bread and we ask you to bring your own refreshments and extra food as you require. For those people who are not key holders it will cost \$2.80 for a child to swim and \$5.10 for an adult to swim. If you are not swimming there is no cost. Look forward to seeing you there.</p>
Sport	<p>The sport this term will be focussed on swimming - Teachers will be reinforcing skills taught from last year in preparation for our school swimming sports on Thursday 27 February. We will also be teaching games which focus on teamwork as well as fitness skills.</p>
Wheke Time	<p>This is an important component of becoming '<i>confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners</i>' (NZ Curriculum vision) Students are challenged to explore their passions / interests or strengths. This year we will be providing students with a variety of opportunities to be involved in an area they are interested in alongside a staff member, parent, whanau member or community member. If you have an area of interest or expertise which you may have time to support our students with in their learning on a Thursday afternoon, we would love to hear from you.</p>
Camps	<p>Raupo Camp - Living Springs - Wednesday 18 March - Friday 20 March</p> <p>Living Springs Camp connects children with nature, finding adventure and making friends. Living Springs Kids Camp is an experience kids will never forget! Specific information will be coming to you from Raupo teachers very soon.</p> <p>Totara Camp - Spencer Park - Monday 24 February - Wednesday 26 February</p> <p>A separate notice will be coming home outlining details of this camp.</p>
Literacy	<p>Our literacy covers reading and writing and where possible will relate to the inquiry topic Mahinga Kai in Term 1. We encourage reading everyday at school and at home. Students will be reading from online sites as well as School Journals and age appropriate reading books. We also encourage writing each day, in some form for all students. This maybe dictation, spelling, creative writing, writing instructions, scripts, report writing, newsletter articles and more.</p>

Numeracy	The strand focus this term is Measurement, position and orientation. We look at angles, mapping, coordinates, compass directions etc and a range of terminology that is all maths related. This fits well with our Mahinga kai unit of inquiry within Whakaraupo. For our number focus we will explore financial literacy number facts, place value, number and position. Early on in the term all children will be given an e-ako sign in on the NZmaths website which allows them to log in at anytime during school or home and work on given material. This is especially good for practising times tables and basic facts knowledge.								
Kapahaka	We are in the process of finding new kaiako for our tamariki and will keep you informed.								
Y7/8 Technology	All Totara students are involved in Technology at Christchurch East School weekly on Monday afternoons throughout the year. Learning context for 2020 includes creative design (fabric and metal) and food technology. This will be starting week 2 (Monday 10th February). You should have received the information pamphlet on Wednesday (from your child's bag). Technology information								
Languages	Te reo will be integrated wherever possible through our daily practise. Totara students will also be taught French and Te Reo during Term 2 and 3 by Cashmere High School teachers.								
Aupaki kahui ako events	Events which we are involved with for our Kahui ako this term: March 3rd and 4th - Top Team event or equivalent								
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Meet the team:



Kia ora whanau. My name is Rachel Cummins. I have been teaching for 25 years with a few gaps along the way. I started teaching in Auckland, then moved to Wanaka, followed by The Catlins and now Lyttelton. The gaps were spent living in Tonga and Vanuatu for a year each and having two gorgeous boys, Joe and Will who are 19 and 17 and are studying at University of Canterbury and Cashmere High School. We moved to Lyttelton in 2009 and I started teaching at Lyttelton Main. Returning from Vanuatu I taught at Lyttelton West. As a family we love to travel and explore the outdoors. I also love losing myself in a good book or watching a good movie. We have two fur babies - a cat called Maggie and a one year old puppy called Stella. I have the

responsibility as Leader of Learning in Rakinui and look forward to working with such a talented team and your tamariki.



Kia ora, I'm Nina. I am in my 16th year of teaching and in that time, have taught at Lincoln Primary School in Canterbury, NZ and Brighton Primary School in Melbourne, Australia. I have been part of the Lyttelton Primary School community since term 2 2018. Currently, I live in Papanui with my cat, Lily Fuzzbot. Family and friends play an important role in my life. I have a large extended family and we all enjoy spending time together. I am interested in the arts , creativity and I love sewing my own clothes. I enjoy keeping fit, travelling, gardening and cooking. I am never far from a good book and you will often find me exploring new and interesting music to listen to. I am passionate about teaching and learning and I am very excited to be part of the Rakinui team this year.

Kia ora, I'm Emily. This is my first year teaching here at Lyttelton Primary after spending 2019 as the Sports Coordinator for Aupaki. Previously I have taught year 8 at Hillmorton High School in Hoon Hay, and King's School in Auckland. I live in Prebbleton with my wife, Waffles and Luna (our two cats) and Fudge and CJ (our two dogs). I have a large, energetic family that enjoy getting together for adventures and a few laughs. I love playing football, running, and reading a good book. I am looking forward to being a part of the 2020 Rakinui team.



Hi, Anne here. My hobbies are reading detective stories, gardening, walking, puzzles, singing and dancing. I live with my husband in Christchurch and travel 46 km a day. I have three adult children and five grandchildren aged from six to sixteen, all living in Christchurch. I sing with a barbershop chorus and recently went with them to New Orleans to sing there. I have a background in maths and science and have been teaching in Lyttelton since 1997, so I'm part of the wallpaper now! I love connecting with the students, teaching literacy and maths in particular and look forward to seeing you all again in Rakinui this year.