

# Rakinui Pānui Term 1 2019

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, Beccy, Monica, Simon and Rachel

## Ngā Uara / Values - Encompassed in all our learning

Manaakitanga Respect	Ngākau aroha Empathy	Manawanui Perseverance
<b>Explorers Inquiry</b>	<p><b>Tamatea / Rakaihautu - The Explorers</b></p> <p>Our first Inquiry is about Explorers, beginning with pre-European exploration of Whakaraupo and the people who created the stories and historical narrative of our place.</p>	
<b>Newsletters</b>	<p>Please keep up to date with regular news and events through the school newsletter ( <a href="http://www.lyttelton.school.nz">www.lyttelton.school.nz</a> ). Rakinui newsletter will be emailed at the beginning of every term.</p>	
<b>Assembly</b>	<p>Whole school assemblies will be on every second Friday at 9.15am until around 10am. First assembly is on Friday 8 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.</p>	
<b>Drama and Music</b>	<p>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 each week. For Year 6/7/8 students Carmel will be revisiting exposure to different instruments and learning how to play them. Term 2 will be more focused on mastering a chosen instrument and choosing people interested in playing in a band. Term 3 &amp; 4 will focus on band practice, also focusing on Year 5 students being exposed to a variety of instruments.</p>	

<b>Swimming</b> <b>Weeks 2,3 &amp; 4</b>	<p>Following on from last term's lessons with instructors, the teachers will be guiding the students to reinforce and practise the skills they were taught. Swimming will be on the following dates:</p> <p>Thursday 7 Feb and Friday 8 Feb (Week 2)  Wednesday 13 Feb/ Thursday 14 Feb/Friday 15 Feb (Week 3)  Wednesday 20 Feb/ Thursday 21 Feb (Week 4)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Swimming Sports</b>  <b>Wednesday 27 Feb, 9am - 1pm</b></p>
<b>Family Picnic and BBQ</b> <b>Friday 22 February</b> <b>4-6pm</b>	<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>
<b>Sport</b>	<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 <a href="#">Wednesday 27 February</a>. We will also be reinforcing small ball skills and team work taught through Softball last term.</p>
<b>“KiwiCan”</b> <b>Every Monday</b> <b>45 min sessions</b>	<p>“KiwiCan” is a life skills and values programme delivered to primary aged children and supports/enhances our PB4L and school values implementation. The programme aims to contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Greater communication skills</li> <li>- Stronger social interactions</li> <li>- Co-operation</li> <li>- Enhancing displays of kindness and caring.</li> </ul>
<b>Wheke Time</b>	<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. They spend time researching before they start creating a product or service that will be shared with the class or the school or the wider community. Throughout the process, teachers facilitate and support the students with their projects to ensure that they are achieving or even extending their goals.</p>
<b>Camps</b>	<p>Raupo will be on their camp in Week 10 (<a href="#">Wednesday 3 - Friday 5 April</a>). Beccy and Nina will be sending home details over the next few weeks. Totara are still waiting for confirmation of dates and will let you know as soon as we know.</p>
<b>Literacy</b>	<p>Our literacy covers reading and writing and will usually relate to the inquiry topic Explorers 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.</p>
<b>Numeracy</b>	<p>The strand focus this term is Geometry, 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 Explorers.</p>

	Our number focus will be Addition and Subtraction, Place Value and Problem Solving. 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.
<b>Kapahaka</b>	We are lucky to have Matua Tim working with us. He tutors on Wednesdays from 1.45pm - 2.45pm. He will be teaching our tamariki waiata and dance including haka based on stories from Whakaraupo. This begins on <a href="#">March 6th</a> .
<b>Y7/8 Technology</b>	All Totara students are involved in Technology at Christchurch East School fortnightly throughout the year. Learning context for 2019 includes creative design (fabric and metal) and food technology. This will be starting week 2 ( <a href="#">Tuesday 5th February</a> ). Your child is required to be at school before 8.30am to leave by bus. You should have received the information pamphlet on Friday (from your child's bag). <a href="#">Technology information</a>
<b>Languages</b>	This year we are thrilled to have Beccy leading Te Reo in our school. Also each Thursday morning from <a href="#">8.50 - 9.30 am</a> Totara will receive instruction in Spanish and Japanese from two Cashmere High School teachers; Lylian Carasco and Taka Kuze. We require Totara students to be at school by <a href="#">8.45 am</a> at the latest on Thursdays in order to be prepared for the lessons. These start on Thursday 7 February.
<b>Aupaki kahui ako events</b>	Events which we are involved with for our Kahui ako this term: Top Town <a href="#">6th March</a> (Year 7 and 8 only)

Meet the team:



Kia ora koutou. My name's Monica Jack and I'm teaching in Totara (Years 7 and 8) with Rachel this term. I joined the L.P.S. staff last year, initially as a regular reliever in the Rakinui learning spaces and then full time in Totara from the end of Term Three when Eve began maternity leave. I'm from Nelson originally but have lived in Lyttelton my whole adult life. My home is in Corsair Bay and I have two children at the school (Clementine in Raupo and Molly in Kowhai) so Whakaraupo kids and their learning are very close to my heart. Prior to having children I taught English at secondary school, and I've also worked as a tutor from primary to university level. One memorable role was as a private tutor to a ten year old travelling the world for 18 months - my classrooms ranged from tents on safari in Kenya and Tanzania to whale-watching yachts in Mexico and museums in New York! Language and

literature are my passions but I'm loving the range of learning opportunities at Lyttelton Primary School and the chance to collaborate with such a dedicated team. In my spare time (when our cat, Indie, is not curled up on my lap), you'll find me madly renovating our house, walking the Bridle Path and chasing my girls around the local

bays. I love reading (especially Harry Potter), creating crazy birthday cakes and the transformative power of a lick of fresh paint. I look forward to another exciting term in Totara.

Tēnā koutou katoa  
Ko Aoraki te maunga  
Ko Hokonui te puke  
Ko Mātāura te awa  
No Hokonui ahau  
Kei Ōtautahi tōku kainga ināianei  
Ko Tom Shirley rāua ko Peggy Paterson ōku mātua  
No Waihopai rāua  
Ko Beccy Shirley tōku ingoa  
He kaiako kura tuatahi ahau  
Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou



Kia ora, My name is Beccy Shirley. The children often call me Whaea Beccy. You will have seen me around the school last year as a reliever. This is my tenth year in teaching, in Christchurch Schools. I have lived in Christchurch for 23 years. Previous to this I grew up in Southland and lived in Dunedin for a time. I was a hairdresser before becoming a teacher, with a thriving business and up to 5 staff to train. But then came the calling to become a person who helps to guide young minds and the rest is history.

I have a real passion and dedication for te reo and tikanga Māori. Ka korero koe ki a au i te reo Māori! I am a big fan of the Arts. I love being a teacher! I am very excited to come on board at Lyttelton Primary School and look forward to really getting to know all of the tamariki and add my strengths to the amazing talent already here.

I own a house in Christchurch with a pretty garden and you'll often find me in the garden in my spare time. I love movies, music and books. I am addicted to travel and recently returned from 7 weeks in Africa, photographing beautiful animals and culture.



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 now 18 and 16. 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. We have two fur babies - a cat called Maggie and a brand new puppy called Stella. This year I have the responsibility of Team Leader of Rakinui and look forward to working with such a talented team.



Kia ora, I'm Nina. I am in my 15th 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 last year. Currently, I live in St Albans with my parents, Tom the family dog and 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 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.