

Rakinui Pānui Term 1 2018

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

Janet, Jeremy and Rhona, Eve and Rachel

Ngā Uara / Values - Encompassed in all our learning

Manaakitanga Respect	Ngākau aroha Empathy	Manawanui Perseverance
Sustainability Inquiry	This is our overarching theme for the year and within that we will be covering social, economic and environmental topics. We are starting this term with "Me and My Environment" with a social science focus looking at who we are in " ToTātou Pātaka, Our Place. "	
School Newsletter	Please keep up to date with regular news and events through the school newsletter (www.lyttelton.school.nz).	
Assembly	Whole school assemblies will be on every second Friday at 9.15am til around 10am. This was the first week.	
Drama	This 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. We are fortunate to have such a skilled teacher in this field.	
Swimming Weeks 3 & 4	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 daily and the Swimming Sports will be on the final day. Please reinforce the importance of being able to swim and ensure your child has their togs every day.	

Swimming Sports Friday 23 Feb, 9.30am	
Sport	<p>We are enjoying fortnightly sessions on a Monday with the Aupaki Sports Coordinator, Chris Cole, who is currently teaching our students handball. We will also have a sports rotation on Friday afternoon to back-up those skills and experience a range of other sports (Basketball, T-ball, Bowls and Handball)</p>
“KiwiCan” Every Monday 45min sessions	<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"> - Greater communication skills - Stronger social interactions - More cooperation - More displays of kindness and caring.
Place Based Learning/ Genius 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. 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>
Camps	<p>Both Totara and Raupo will be away on their own camps in Week 8 (Monday 19th March - Wednesday 21st March). Totara camp at Orton Bradley and Raupo camp at Living Springs. These are important experiences for the students to get to know each other better, support and encourage each other in a range of challenges and form new friendships - Manaakitanga, Ngākau aroha and Manawanui. This then has a positive impact on their learning in the classroom. Further details to come over the next couple of weeks.</p>
Literacy	<p>Our literacy covers reading and writing and will usually relate to the inquiry topic for example, literacy has been around The Treaty of Waitangi. This term we will be involved in “ChapterChat”, an initiative of NZ teachers that brings schools around the country together to discuss carefully chosen novels and share questions, opinions and projects. Y5/6 “There’s a Boy in the girl’s Bathroom” and Y7/8 “Refugee”. Our writing focus is Creative Writing.</p>

Numeracy	The strand focus this term is Geometry, specifically angles, position and orientation. We look at angles, mapping, coordinates, compass directions etc and a range of terminology that is all maths related. Our number focus will be Addition and Subtraction.
Kapahaka	We are lucky to have Maaka Tau to continue working with us. He works with us on Thursdays at 2.15 to learn waiata
Y7/8 Technology	All Totara students are involved in Technology at Christchurch East School fortnightly throughout the year. Learning context for 2018 include; creative design (fabric / metal / acrylic), food technology and electronics. This will be starting week 3 (Tuesday 13th February). Your child is required to be at School before 8.30am to leave by bus.
March music month	During march all Totara students will participate in a two hour music programme run by Carmel Courtney. They will be in groups of eight and it will cover a range of musical experiences.
Aupaki kahui ako events	Friday 16th February: Festival of Nations - year 7/8 Linwood Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March: Top Town - year 7/8