

Rakinui Pānui Term 4 2019

Kia ora koutou katoa, Haere mai

A warm welcome back to Term 4 in Rakinui. Rakinui is about the sky above us, showing us that our learning can expand with no end.

Our last term is upon us and we look forward to a positive end to the year. We loved the energy and commitment shown by our students last term with Animal Farm, Cultural Festival, Wearable Arts, Winter Sport, Rockfest, Epro8 and much more. We are extremely proud of them all.

He waka eke noa - We are all in this together

Ngā mihi nui

Nina, Beccy, Monica, Eve and Rachel

Ngā Uara / Values - Encompassed in all our learning

Manaakitanga Respect	Ngākau aroha Empathy	Manawanui Perseverance
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.	
Inquiry	This term our Inquiry is into Health and Technology . We will be focusing on early Maori health, particularly food, plants for medicinal purposes and the technology involved in gathering, harvesting and storing food. We are also looking into the different dimensions of Hauora (wellbeing). This will be covered in a programme called Pause, Breathe, Smile - which looks at mindfulness by identifying personal strengths, perspectives of wellbeing and acknowledging the strengths and viewpoints of others. Life Education and Harold the Giraffe is with us during Week 1 and 2 with a focus on food, energy, sleep and screen time and how it affects growing bodies.	
2020 Calendars	The children are working on their artwork for 2020 calendars, diaries, cards. The artwork will be made available for you to see and order forms will be available. These calendars etc make ideal gifts and will be available in time for posting overseas.	
Drama & Music	Drama will continue with Mike Friend on Monday afternoons for all Rakinui students. Carmel Courtney will be providing music tuition for Raupo students this term, starting from Week 2. We continue to have our itinerant	

	music tutors with Chris, Candice and Ian teaching ukelele, guitar, violin and singing. If you are interested in your child taking these lessons please contact the school.
School opens 8.30am	It is best for students to have time to settle in and be ready for learning by 9.00. The school opens at 8.30 am which allows staff time to prepare for the day before students arrive. If your children need to arrive before 8.30 we ask they wait in the playground or on the balcony until the doors are opened.
Sports	<p>Our focus this term is on Athletics - long jump, high jump, discus, shot put, sprints and long distance. Rakinui will be training each day in preparation for our school athletics day on Tuesday 5 November. More details to come. Please can you make sure your children have suitable sports gear over the next few weeks. It's very difficult to practise high jump in skinny jeans!!!</p> <p>Some students have committed to Touch Rugby teams after school and thank you to parents who have offered to coach.</p> <p>Totara students are lucky to be invited to Squash lessons at the Rec centre this term.</p>
PE	Emily continues to work with our students coaching and mentoring their physical education skills. This term she is teaching athletics and small ball skills.
Languages	We continue to develop our Te Reo. Each Thursday morning from 8.50 - 9.30 am Totara continue to receive instruction in Spanish and Japanese from two Cashmere High School teachers; Lylia Carasco and Taka Kuze. We require Totara students to be at school by 8.45 am at the latest on Thursdays in order to be prepared for the lessons.
PB4L	This term we are focussing on Manawanui/ Perseverance, to begin with. We will then be looking at some mindfulness concepts - e.g. feeling grateful. Please look at the school newsletters that are emailed to you every week, on a Friday. There are always articles describing what teaching and learning the school is focussing on.
Health	We continue with teaching Relationship and Sexuality Education this term. This is in conjunction with the Pause, Breathe, Smile programme and Healthy Eating.
Numeracy	The strand focus this term is Algebra, Measurement and Geometry. . Our number focus will Multiplication and Division. Students continue to work on e-ako 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.
Literacy	Our focus for literacy this term is Poetry and Lyric writing. Alongside this focus will be reading material based on our Inquiry topic.

Reports	<p>This is the way you receive 'Reports' for your child, at our school. There are usually 2 curriculum areas reported on each term for your child. We no longer do a summary in the middle or end of the year; instead, we do more frequent and timely updates on your child's progress throughout the year. Please follow the instructions below. If you remember your username and password from the last term please use this. Otherwise, please select the forgot password function to establish new access.</p> <p>Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you need further support.</p> <p>How to access your child's LINC-ED page:</p> <p><u>Step 1</u> Visit https://lyttelton.linc-ed.com/wp-login.php?action=lostpassword</p> <p><u>Step 2</u> Click login and enter your password</p> <p><u>Step 3</u> Click Menu at the top of your screen and click on your child's icon.</p> <p>How to access your child's LINC-ED page if you have forgotten your password or you are a new user.</p> <p><u>Step 1</u> Visit https://lyttelton.linc-ed.com/wp-login.php?action=lostpassword</p> <p><u>Step 2</u> Click the Lost your Password button.</p> <p><u>Step 3</u> Enter the email address you have given the school to send you communication. Click Get New Password.</p> <p><u>Step 4</u> An email will be sent to you containing a link for you to click on. The link will take you to a page where you will see your new password. If you choose to, you can delete the automatically-generated password and enter your own strong, secure password then click Reset Password.</p> <p><u>Step 5</u> Enjoy reading, viewing and listening to your child's learning. Become part of the conversation by writing a comment or adding a 'Like' to the post.</p>
Aupaki events	<p>The Aupaki Speech competition will be held at Heathcote Primary School next week. Our winning speech contestants are Tessa Jamieson-Timo with her speech on Social Media and Iona Garrett on Recycling.</p>
Yr 8 trip to Wellington	<p>Our Year 8 students will be travelling to Wellington on Tuesday 10 December and returning Friday 13 December.</p> <p>Part of their fundraising efforts includes the Halloween Disco to be held on Thursday 31 October in LAF. Look for details in the newsletter.</p>