

# Rakinui Pānui Term 2 2021

Kia ora koutou katoa, Haere mai

We are not sure how we got to Week 4 already, but here we are! There is a lot to report on and a lot to look forward to in this term's pānui. Buckle up.

***He waka eke noa - We are all in this together***

Nina, Nikeisha, Emily and Rachel

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

Manaakitanga Respect	Ngākau aroha Empathy	Manawanui Perseverance
Kaitiakitanga Inquiry	<p><b>Kaitiakitanga</b></p> <p>The 'rangatira/leadership' focus for our Inquiry is coming to an end in Week 6 this term with an afternoon celebration of learning which we warmly invite whānau to come along to. This will be <b>Thursday 10 June</b> from 1.45 - 2.45 in Rakinui and Takaroa.</p> <p>Our second focus for our Kaitiakitanga Inquiry is around 'innovation' with a science/technology lens.</p>	
Newsletters	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> ).	
Assembly	Whole school assemblies will be on every second Friday at 9.15am until around 10am. Our assemblies are student driven and are a fantastic opportunity to showcase the achievements and talents of your children.	
Drama and Music	Drama over the next term will be building skills and talent for our Year 5-8 Production 'Decades'. This will take the form of a cabaret style event with each year group performing art, music, dance and drama from a different decade from the past 100 years. Carmel Courtney works with senior students this term on a music programme where they get the opportunity to learn various instruments with a possible opportunity to play in a school band. 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. We intend to have a senior Choir starting this term as well.
Sporting Events	<p><b>Cross country</b> was successfully completed with 45 Year 5-8 students attending Zones on Tuesday.</p> <p><b>Korfball</b> from Weeks 1-4 has been a hit with all students enjoying learning new skills and team work</p> <p><b>Winter Sport</b> begins Week 4 <b>Friday 28 May</b>. We have football teams, netball teams, hockey teams and table tennis playing off site, while those students not playing off site will play basketball, netball and football at school and the Rec Centre. Thank you so much to the parents who have offered to support the teams with coaching, management and transport, Ruth Targus, Lucy Hines, Damian Simpson, Don Merrylees and Mandy Jardin.</p>
Enrichment opportunities	<p>At LPS we are proud of the opportunities we provide for our students to become involved in activities to support their interests, strengths and passions. Here is a list of those on offer this term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Problem Solving</li> <li>• Epro8 (science, engineering, technology, problem solving)</li> <li>• Nature Rangers (Enviro group)</li> <li>• Otago Problem Solving (maths)</li> <li>• School for Young Writers</li> <li>• IWAS essay writing competition</li> <li>• Kiwi Competition</li> <li>• Peer Mediators</li> <li>• Matariki leadership group</li> <li>• Aupaki Tech Fest</li> <li>• Senior Choir</li> <li>• Winter sport</li> <li>• Kapahaka kaea (leaders)</li> </ul>
Matariki	The matariki leadership group are currently planning a school wide event to celebrate Matariki on the 2nd of July at the end of this term. If you have any relevant skills you could use to run a workshop on the day or are interested in being a parent helper to make our plans a success, please email Nikeisha ( <a href="mailto:nikeisha.clarke@lyttelton.school.nz">nikeisha.clarke@lyttelton.school.nz</a> ) with your ideas.
Digital Technology	Rākinui have been having lots of fun learning about lots of new and interesting ways to use digital technology in our learning. We have explored Padlet, Book Creator, Chrome Canvas, Google slides, Gamefroot, Genial.ly, Google drawing and more to enhance our learning activities and share our ideas in new ways. Keep an eye out on Seesaw for posts from Raupō.

Teacher Professional Development	This term our teachers are involved in professional development in Te Reo and Digital Technologies. We are supported with people in order to upskill and utilise our learning alongside our tamariki.
Literacy	Our literacy covers reading and writing and where possible will relate to the inquiry topic Kaitiakitanga (Innovation) in Term 2. 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. They will be required to have a book everyday, this can be from either the library or brought in from home. We also encourage writing each day, in some form for all students. This may be dictation, spelling, creative writing, writing instructions, scripts, report writing, newsletter articles, emails and more.
Numeracy	The strand focus this term is Geometry and Number. We continue to use Mathletics and this allows them to log in at any time during school or home and work on given material. This is especially good for practising times tables and basic facts knowledge.
Kapahaka	We continue our kapa haka programme half an hour each week. It's wonderful to see the engagement and leadership beginning to develop in our tamariki. We will continue building on their skills for upcoming performances and mihi whakatau.
Y7/8 Technology	All Totara students are involved in weekly Technology at Christchurch East School on Monday afternoons throughout the year. Learning context for 2021 includes creative design (fabric and metal) and digital technology.
Languages	Te reo will be integrated wherever possible through our daily practice. This term we are exploring how this learning can be enhanced by digital technology and waiata. Year 7 students are learning Japanese this term and Year 8 are learning Te Reo. Next term we swap.
Peer Mediators	Selected students from across Rākinui are taking part in the Cool Schools initiative. This is a program where students are trained to assist younger students to resolve playground disagreements.
Health	<p>Totara is participating in a St Johns initiative - Weaving Wellbeing. This focuses on developing skills to build resilience and promote positive mental health.</p> <p>The second half of the term we will be completing the police education program Keeping Ourselves Safe. They will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to work out when their safety is at risk</li> <li>- how to keep safe when they meet and mix with other people</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- who and how to ask for help if they, or someone they know, is being abused</li> <li>- to go on asking for help until someone does something to stop the abuse</li> <li>- that it is important to make and follow personal, family and school safety rules.</li> </ul>
Aupaki kahui ako events	Techfest - Tuesday 3rd June/ Wednesday 2nd June
Proposed Term Costs	Winter Sport: \$40 Tech fest: \$50