

TERM 1, 2021

NIKAU RATA KOWHAI

WELCOME TO TERM ONE

Welcome back to the new school year. We trust you all had a safe, sunny and relaxing holiday with family and friends, enjoying everything our beautiful region has to offer. There are a number of new people in Karamea Area School this year. We have one “new” teacher in the primary team, Tina Wylie, who will be teaching Kowhai (Year 5-6). She is excited to be working alongside your children this year.

In addition to this, we are excited to welcome to our school a number of new students in Year 0-6. I know our students will take good care of Austin, Rico and Wren in Year 0-1, Ruby in Year 4, and Leroy in Year 7 and make them feel welcome.

The Team:

In Nikau the class teacher is myself (Hannah) and Abby teaches on a Friday.

In Rata the class teacher is Sheryl and Sylvia teaches on a Wednesday.

In Kowhai the class teacher is Tina and Abby teaches on Thursday.

Jill and Stephanie are our Teaching Assistant extraordinaires and they will work flexibly across all three classes this year.



Hannah

Jill

Abby

Tina

Steph

Sheryl

Sylvia

Key Dates for first weeks of Term 1:

Week 1: Monday 8 Feb - Waitangi Day holiday – no school

Week 3: Monday 22 Feb - Primary District Swim Sports (Westport comp)

Week 4: Wednesday 3 Mar - Duffy Theatre Group 10:00am (in library)

Dental Health Van (date to be confirmed but around this time)

Week 5: Seaweed Activities – possible Year 0-6 class trip to Little Wanganui (TBC)

Week 8: Wednesday 30 Mar – KAS swimming sports (PP day Thursday 31 Mar)

Friday 2 Apr - Good Friday, no school

Week 9: **Monday 5 Apr - Easter, no school**

Tuesday 6 Apr - Easter, no school

Wed 7, Thu 8, Fri 9 Apr Year 5&6 Yachting NZ Sailing & Aquatic Camp

Week 10: Friday 16 Apr last day of the school term, holidays begin

Reminders:

This term, we have hot, sunny weather, more daylight hours and the opportunity to do more activities outside the classroom. With the sunnier weather students do need to wear a school-hat every day. **Caps are unsuitable** because they do not protect their ears or neck. The hats are provided by the school and are in their team colours. Please make sure they are applying sunblock, at home before school if you can, particularly if they are fair.



Swimming:

Please send students with a swim bag with togs, goggles, towel and **named clothes** they can dress easily in (elastic waist and loose) as classes will swim Wednesday, Thursday, Friday weather permitting.

Mathematics:

Classes will be working on Number strategies. They will also carry out statistical investigations.

Writing:

For the first part of the term all our classes will focus on Transactional Writing. Transactional writing includes a broad range of text types, such as business letters, friendly emails, invitations, surveys and interviews. This will be integrated into their inquiry studies to help them find out information.

Reading:

Classes will continue with their respective programmes that contain a mix of shared, guided, instructional and independent reading. Nikau will have a stronger focus on blends (2-3 letter ones) this term to help students decode words in their reading more effectively. Rata will focus on longer texts and chapter books while Kowhai will begin with novel studies.

PB4L and Wellbeing:

Since Covid 19 the wellbeing of children has been at the forefront of teacher's minds and this will be a focus this year. Kowhai will be piloting a wellbeing journal programme and if it is successful it will be used by the whole school moving into 2022.

In addition, classes will look at the school's KARE (Kaitiakitanga, Accountability, Respect, Effort) values through class and combined primary lessons.



Inquiry:

Inquiry will vary for each class this term. Nikau will be looking at water safety in pools, rivers and streams and how the weather affects these as these are in the local environment and they engage with them regularly.



Rata will study Signs and Safety in and around the school building sites and integrate this with their writing and other curriculum areas.

Kowhai will study oceans and rivers, movement of water, water safety followed by yachting skills later in the term to coincide with their class camp which will have a focus on learning aquatics.

Māori:

We want to increase the amount of Te Reo Māori the children have exposure to by linking it to their learning. The goal is to learn key words first and then apply them in phrases in fun, informal activities. We will learn language and phrases for greetings/farewells, te whānau (the family, belonging), ngā mihi (informal formal introductions) and te wā (time, seasons, lunar calendar).

Sport:

We will be training for the Swimming Sports which will be held later in Term 1. Weather permitting, we will aim to practise most afternoons, in the lead up to this.

Sport Tasman will come and teach ball skills to the Year 0-6 students every Friday beginning Week 3 of this term.

Paul Murray is teaching Nikau tennis skills each Wednesday from 1:30 – 2:00pm

He will coach interested students in Year 3 and up on Wednesday from 3:00pm on the community courts. (Please see attached flyer)

**Art:**

Students will focus on developing their drawing and sketching skills as well as other media and will be integrated into their inquiry learning.

Enrichment & Singing:

Students from Year 0-6 combine and collaborate and work together from 1:30 – 3:00 every Friday. For the beginning of the Term students will sing at 1:30 in Kowhai classroom, then swim on a Friday afternoon in preparation for the swimming sports to develop confidence in the water.

Music and Dance:

Fernando Tarango will be coming in on Monday afternoons to do 30 minute sessions with Nikau, Rata and Kowhai. He is planning to do bigger things in Term 2 and include senior students. If you would like your child to have additional private tuition please email ftarango@gmail.com. He would welcome the opportunity to work with your child/ren.



Aby Chalmers will be teaching Hooping skills to Year 0-6 on Monday afternoon. Students will be learning balance, co-ordination and rhythm with her.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see us or email us. Please speak your class teacher in the first instance and if you have any further concerns or queries please contact me.



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Best wishes



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