

Ramarama School

NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 3

School News

Welcome to Freya- who has joined Toutouwai Learning Space and Tahu- who has joined the Weka Learning Space. It is lovely to have you both with us and I know you will have many happy times with us all.

Our roll is currently sitting at 182 students.

The two new educational directives by the National Government in regards to a no cell phone policy and prioritising an hour of Reading, Writing and Maths per day are already part of our daily policy here at Ramarama School.

All three core curriculum subjects are taught throughout our school in age appropriate ways. Literacy and Maths are also taught through our termly inquiry's, through play and across the wider curriculum. We also have a school wide focus on phonics and spelling for 20 minutes each day that promotes language literacy and understanding of words in context.

We ask that no phones be brought to school, unless a parent has arranged this with the teacher. The phones are handed in to the teacher before school starts and are kept safe until the 3pm bell.

Next week we are welcoming Michelle McCarty from the Education Review Office (ERO) to our school. Michelle will be learning all about our school and conducting our review over the next 12-18 months. I have attached a flyer about the role of ERO to this newsletter.

Reminders

- Check Seesaw for class news and reminders.
- Ice blocks for sale every Friday lunchtime in Term 1- \$2 each.
- Learning Spaces open at 8:20am- please wait in the shelter at the front of the school if you arrive earlier than this.
- No crocs or jandals at school please.
- Year 4-8 bring back your BYOD form if you haven't already returned this.

Student Leaders 2024

Congratulations to TeAna Tayler, Sachleen Kaur, Arniekay Doherty, Alek Rowe, Connor Hendriks and Blake Pirie who have all been selected to be our 2024 Student Leaders.

We know you will lead by example and be great role models for all the students at our school.

The Awhina Leaders and Junior Ambassadors will be announced next week.



Te Ao Māori 2024

In the past two weeks we have been trialling an online programme called Wai Ako- this website has been designed to help support the learning of te reo and waiata in short manageable sessions. After our trial we have signed up and all classes will be using this throughout the week for their lessons.

You can check it out at <https://www.waiako.com>

The waiata are so clear, simple and relate brilliantly to building knowledge and daily use of Te Reo. The lessons are very easy to follow and link well to the curriculum objectives.

During our Āwhina time each Friday our focus will shift to learning waiata, myths and legends, artwork and connecting with our awhina buddies through games and tasks.

In Week 6 each Āwhina group will be making a short presentation to the rest of the school about the tree that their Āwhina group is named after. These will then go on display in the hall.



My holidays were so much fun because I went to the beach with my mum. Then I went to the water. I went so far away but not that far. And there was a big wave that I went in! But I didn't wet my face. Then I went home.

Written by Kyra

Writer of the Week

Values focus and flag focus

- This year we continue to have a values focus each fortnight/ or 3 weeks and embed the values and capabilities throughout our school.
- The current focus is Tiaki Tāonga- TREASURE
- We are also introducing a flag focus where we learn a little bit about each flag that we have in our hall to represent the different nationalities of people who are part of Ramarama School.
- Our current flag focus is both the NZ flag and the Tino Rangatiratanga flag.

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Caring

TIAKI TĀONGA – TREASURE

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Thursday 15th Feb- Year 7 & 8 Technology at Maramarua School.
- Friday 16th Feb- Year 5-8 Swimming Sports
- Wednesday 21st Feb- School Values Assembly
- Tuesday 27th Feb- BOT Meeting 6pm
- Thursday 29th Feb- Year 7 & 8 Technology at Maramarua School.
- Friday 1st March- ECCS Swimming- for selected students.

Read more

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