

Ramarama School 2026

NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 1

From Mrs Campbell

Kia ora whānau,

Thank you all for such a smooth and positive start to the school year.

Our learning spaces are buzzing with energy and are already filled with happy, smiling students and staff. Teachers have quickly settled into routines, setting clear expectations and getting straight into quality teaching and learning.

All students now have their stationery—thank you to everyone who pre-purchased and paid in advance. This system worked really well again this year. Andrea, our Office Manager, will be sending home invoices for any stationery that is still to be paid.

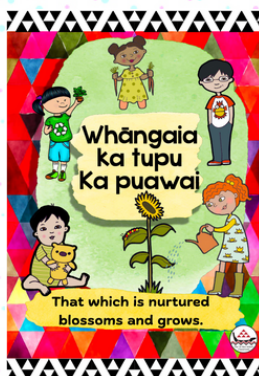
We have noticed that a number of students are still without a school bucket hat. These can be purchased from the school office for \$20. A reminder that we now have EFTPOS available at the office, making this quick and easy.

If any of your contact details have changed (phone number, email address, etc.), please let Andrea know as soon as possible by emailing admin@ramarama.school.nz. Having up-to-date contact information is essential, particularly in the event of an emergency.

This term, our learning will include a strong focus on swimming, water confidence, and water safety for the first five weeks. Our Inquiry learning will be centred on Science, with students exploring the Planet Earth and Beyond strand—encouraging curiosity, questioning, and exploration of the world around us.

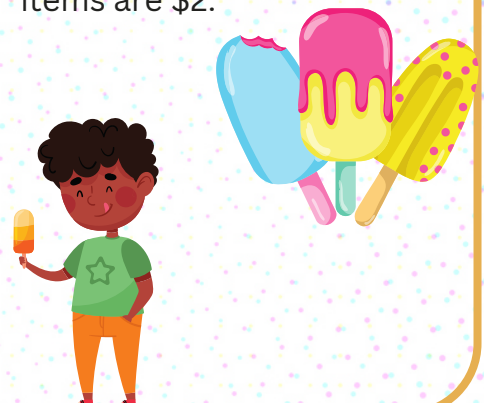
You will have received a start-of-year letter from your child's teacher last week, which includes all the key information to help everyone get underway. We value the partnership we have with our whānau and look forward to another fantastic year of learning, challenge, and discovery together.

Tania Campbell
Tumuaki/Principal



Dates coming up...

- **Wednesday 4th February-** Second Hand Uniform sale outside the hall 8:30am
- **Thursday 5th February-** Technology- Year 8's @ Maramarua School- bus leaves at 8:40am
- **Friday 5th February-** WAITANGI DAY- School closed
- **Wednesday 11th February-** School Values Assembly 9am
- **Thursday 12th February-** Technology- Year 7's @ Maramarua School- bus leaves at 8:40am
- **Friday 13th February-** Freezy Friday- iceblocks for sale \$2 at lunch time. We will have this every Friday in Term 1, you can pay each week or for the whole term- students get to select from a range of iceblocks each week. All items are \$2.



Welcome

We are very excited to have 4 new staff members join us this year

- Madalyn Wanihi- Teacher Aide in the Junior School
- Miss Harriet Donald- Year 6 teacher- Kōtare Learning Space
- Matua Ethan Campbell- Year 7 teacher- Ruru Learning Space
- Whaea Elisa Callaghan- Year 8 teacher- Kakapo Learning Space

We also welcomed lots of new students:

Weka: William, Ava, Ruhaan, Briar, Aunon, Elijah and Xavier

Kiwi: Vriksha, Mivan and Aahaan

Kōtare: Max

Takahe: TJ and Lachlan

Ruru: Maddie

We have started the year with 208 students, which is amazing! I know that you will have the best time at Ramarama School and you will all be officially welcomed at our Mihi Whakatau in Week 6.



School Values

This year, we will continue to have a focus each week on one of our school values. For the first three weeks of Term 1, we will be focusing on the Tiaki Tāonga- Treasure triangle.

Tiaki Tāonga – Treasure

Tiaki Tāonga means to care for and protect what is precious.

At our school, this includes:

- Our children, staff, and their well-being
- Our cultures, languages, and identities
- Our environment and community

When we live BE – Respectful, Connected, Caring, we are truly treasuring what matters most.

As we start the year working together, we will be discussing ways to do this in our learning spaces and in the playground. Making sure everyone is included, safe, and being respected is an important part of who we are as a school whanau.

Each learning Space will construct a display that includes their rules and statements about how they will work together this year to ensure everyone is looked after.

Talk to your child about how they demonstrate these values at school. At our school values assembly each fortnight, two students from each class are awarded a certificate if they have displayed these values.





Swimming Term 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 9:40 am					
9:40 - 10:20 am	Kakapo	Ruru			
10:20 - 11:00 am	Kōtare	Takahe	Kōtare	Takahe	Ruru
12:00 - 12:40 pm	Kiwi	Tui	Pukeko	Piwakawaka	Kakapo
1:40 - 2:15 pm	Pukeko	Weka & Toutouwai	Kiwi	Weka & Toutouwai	Free Time
2:15 - 2:55 pm	Piwakawaka	Kererū	Tui	Kererū	

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TERM 1

What's on this term

WEEK 1: 2nd – 6th February

Wacky Sports Week
Flex your muscles and explore your silly side in this sporty themed week. Dizzy bat, crazy takes on egg & spoon race and paper plane flying competitions are just some of the fun competitions planned this week!

WEEK 2: 9th – 13th February

Happy Hearts
Valentine's Day is coming! Make cards, bake yummy cookies, play fun games, and try cool crafts. Save your creations to share with someone special!

WEEK 3: 16th – 20th February

Sensory Explosion
Get ready for a Sensory Explosion! Discover your five senses with awesome arts and crafts, cool STEM fun, and loads more surprises!

WEEK 4: 23rd – 27th February

Chocomania
Children explore chocolate-themed activities through creative cooking, science, movement, sensory play, and artistic expression.

WEEK 5: 2nd – 6th March

Inventors Lab
Put on your inventor's cap and get ready to create! Build a wacky Rube Goldberg machine, design a cardboard city, & tackle a ninja obstacle course. Explore invention challenges, craft contraptions, & more!

WEEK 6: 9th – 13th March

World Wildlife
Dive into the world of animals and their habitats in celebration of World Wildlife Day. Create delicious snacks, build your own cave, and design your own creatures.

WEEK 7: 16th – 20th March

Mythical Mayhem
Dive into Mythical Mayhem! Explore magical creatures, create enchanting crafts, and enjoy fun games that bring myths to life!

WEEK 8: 23rd – 27th March

Feelings Fest
Join us in celebrating the International Day of Happiness! This week is all about exploring feelings, understanding emotions, and discovering fun ways to care for your wellbeing.

WEEK 9: 30th Mar – 2nd Apr

Great Sports Spectacular
Get ready for an action-packed week with sport quizzes, balloon-powered cars, lacrosse, and reaction time challenges! From brain-teasing fun to high-energy games, this week truly has it all!

Alongside our weekly themes, we have extra activities each Wednesday in Term 1 – at no additional charge Play Your Way (11 Feb – 4 Mar) & Art Ventures (11 March – 1 April). Scan the QR code at the top or visit www.skids.co.nz to find out more. Check with your local skids site for Term 1 school dates and activities specific to your location.