

Ramarama School 2026

NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 3

From Mrs Campbell

Dear parents/whanau,

新年快乐 (Xīn Nián Kuài Lè) – Happy Luna New Year!

This year marks the Year of the Horse in the Chinese zodiac. In Chinese culture, the horse symbolises energy, determination, freedom, and progress. The Year of the Horse is traditionally seen as a time to embrace new opportunities, move forward with confidence, and support one another on the journey. Wishing you wealth and prosperity!

We have had a busy week and it is great to see all our learning spaces being filled with work the students have been completing. If you haven't had a chance to pop in and see some of the work that has gone up in your child's learning space yet, feel free to call in before or after school and look around.

The newly established Sign Language Club has been meeting weekly during their morning tea break and they are all currently learning to sign the NZ National Anthem and they will be helping us all with this at our School Values Assemblies. Liz and Mrs Redmond are supporting this group and they are all enjoying learning together.



We have also partnered with CLM Community Sport this year to improve our commitment to being an active, healthy school. Last Friday selected students worked with the CLM staff to learn about leadership and ways to encourage their class to be active each day. This new role is known as a Physical Activity Leader or (PAL) and these students will be leading their classes fitness and brain break activities each day.

Congratulations to all the students who received certificates for demonstrating the school values of being respectful, connected and caring at our school values assembly last week, we are proud of you all.

Enjoy the rest of your week,

Tania Campbell
Tumuaki



Events coming up...

- **Thursday 19th February-** Year 8 students you have Technology at Maramarua School. The bus leaves at 8:45am.
- **Friday 20th February-** Freezy Friday \$2 iceblocks available for purchase at lunchtime.
- **Monday 23rd February-** Swimming Carnival at Ararimu School- (students attending have been notified and given permission slips)

STAFFING UPDATE

We have some staffing updates to share with you all:

Mrs Paton (Kiwi Learning Space) suffered an ankle injury last week and she is currently recovering at home. Mrs Renee Petrie has been covering Kiwi Learning Space this week and we hope to see Megan back soon.

Miss Cheree Cowsill (Takahe Learning Space) will be away from school for the next 2-3 weeks as she is undergoing knee surgery. Mrs Marquerite way will be covering in Takahe Learning Space in her absence.

Mrs Viv Lee (Spanish Language Teacher) is away on extended sick leave this term and we are hoping to welcome her back in Term 2.

Community Messages

Road Safety:

Thank you to everyone who has assisted with the traffic issues outside the school gates in the afternoons. It has been a much smoother week for traffic incidents.

Bike Safety- Key Safety Guidelines for Riding to School

- Age Recommendation: Police suggest children under 10 (or before Year 5) should not ride on the road unless with an adult.
- Helmets & Gear: A properly fitted helmet is required for all bikes and scooters. High-visibility vests are strongly encouraged for safety.
- Bike Safety Check: Ensure bikes have working brakes, reflectors, and are in safe working order.
- Rules of the Road: Teach children to stop, look, and listen at all times.
- Visibility: Use pedestrian crossings, Kea crossings, or school traffic wardens.
- Route Planning: Parents should practice the safest route to school with their children, avoiding high-traffic areas.

We have had some community members reach out and let us know that some of our students are riding in the middle of the roads as they come to school, so please check your child is riding safely.



Badge Presentation

Next Wednesday 25th February we will be presenting our Leadership badges at our School Values Assembly. Assembly starts just after 9am in the school hall and we will be presenting the badges for the Student Leaders, Awhina Leaders, Junior Ambassadors and the newly appointed Physical Activity Leaders.

Parents and whanau are welcome to come along to the assembly to watch the presentation.

