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Tēnā koutou katoa Ngā mihi ki te hapori whānui ō te Kura ō Rimu – greetings to the wider community of Rimu School.

Hopefully this blast of wintery weather is perfectly timed so the sun comes out for the school holidays and you can enjoy some time making memories as a whanau?

Over the fortnight since our last school newsletter, Rimu has been a hive of opportunities that help to build our sense of whanaungatanga (belonging to our place).

As part of our focus on developing mana motuhake (self management and resilience) skills for learning that will enable our tamariki (children) to be lifelong learners, we have had a school wide focus on “risk taking”. We began our risk taking with every student having the opportunity to challenge themselves and extend their physical capabilities through a day with the traveling Flips and Tumbles instructors. We are incredibly grateful to our generous Home and School Committee for funding this learning opportunity for us.



Last Friday our court was converted into a race track for our Large Wheels Day. It was great to see our tamariki gaining confidence and consequently speed throughout the day. The slippery corner of the court also provided the perfect spot for testing our “burnout” skills.



Matai and Alice have demonstrated mana motuhake and ako (collaboration) as they persevered and worked their way through carrying out and recording their science

investigations for the NZAS Science Fair. We are also thankful for Julie Johnstone’s expert science support and whanau members who transported our students to carry out their testing. We are incredibly proud to announce that 8 students were awarded prizes for their investigations. Please read Matai’s blurb for the details.

Miss KT worked her artistic magic with our choir who impressed the audience with their performance during Singout on Wednesday the 18th. It is the first time Rimu has been in Singout, and unfortunately the last time as it is discontinuing in its current format. However, I have been informed that there will be a different version available for our tamariki to perform in next year. Thank you Miss KT for all the time and passion you put into supporting and preparing our tamariki.



There is a lot of focus in education and our wider society on maintaining wellbeing. At Rimu School we are committed and focused on supporting our students and staff to have mindsets and tools to support their wellbeing. We know that physical activity and the arts are activities that promote positive endorphins and therefore we provide a myriad of opportunities in these areas.

This term along with flipping and tumbling and Wheels Days, our tamariki have had opportunities to get physical by playing netball in the Moffet Cup, skiing or snowboarding, playing in the Year 5/6 Netball Competition, participating in the Sport Southland Health and PE Day,

swimming every Friday and who can forget boogieing the night away at our school disco.



Through the arts our tamariki have had opportunities to learn the ukulele and play at the Kiwilele Jam in Dunedin, Sing in Singout and perform during our Samoan and Kapa Haka Polyfest performances. We excitedly have begun our preparations for our end of year production "Dragon Days" - mark it on your calendars for Tuesday the 10th of December.



We have also hosted a successful Book Fair and participated in the EIS Technology Challenge. All while still developing our mathematics skills through problem based learning contexts, writing engaging personal memoirs about our experiences and reading exciting and interesting texts.

Phew, we have been busy!

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TUAKANA


TEINA


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You are warmly invited to visit Rimu Full Primary School to discover the great educational opportunities that are on offer and collect a ballot application and information pack.

Enrolment Scheme Applications For Terms 1-2 2020 Close:
Friday 18th October, at 3pm
 Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot in writing by Friday 25th October

For more information please visit:
<http://www.rimu.school.nz/>
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<http://www.ero.govt.nz/>

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Communication:

Please remember that our lovely, helpful Mel is only in the school office from 8.30am-12.30pm. If you ring after 12.30pm, we welcome you to leave a message on the answerphone, but depending on what is happening at school it may not be checked until the next morning. For urgent communication about your child's after school arrangements, the bus line is the best method of ensuring the message will get to your child. All teachers are contactable via Seesaw and email via the School App.

If you are lucky enough to have the cellphone details of one of our dedicated staff members, please be mindful of preserving their personal whanau time by communicating via text or phone call during normal work hours.

After School Pick Ups:

We have noticed an increasing number of children are not being picked up until well after 3.20pm. Sometimes, even after our town bus leaves at 3.50pm. Please be mindful that if your child isn't on the town bus, please ensure they are collected by 3.20pm at the latest. If you have an emergency and are unable to make it in time, please don't hesitate to ring school.

Nāku noa nā – yours sincerely,

Kate

WHANAUNGATANGA

We welcome Kyla and her whanau to our school learning community. We wish you all the very best for your learning journey at Rimu School.



Akomanga Values Awards :

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| MATAI | Aroha - Macy Mana Motuhake - Charli Ako - Daniel Ako - Luke |
| KOWHAI | Mana Motuhake - Lucas Mana Motuhake - Chloe |
| MAPUKA | Aroha - Lydia Ako - Frikkie |
| MIRO | Ako - Ihorei Aroha - Samara Mana Motuhake - Isla |
| RATA | Manaakitanga - Oliana Mana Motuhake - Astar |
| TOTARA | Mana Motuhake - Kadin D Manaakitanga - Kadin M |

Principal's Awards:

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| MANA MOTUHAKE | Eli |
| WHANAUNGATANGA | Eamon, Xanthia, Ava, Amelia |



From the Board of Trustees

As a busy term 3 draws to an end we are hoping to see some more settled weather come our way.

Thank you all for your understanding in us closing the school during the hideous snowy conditions. Decisions like

these are not made easily but we have the safety of our students and staff are at the forefront.

A big thank you to all those who attended our working bee. Also to Bradley Farming, Craig Scott and Andrew Sherriff for providing the heavy equipment and expert drivers on the day. It was great to get the car park project underway and move the fence to create more parks along the front of the school. We are now waiting on the Ministry so we can get our fencing and renovation projects underway.

Our Community Consultation night and Survey provided us with good insight into what our families are wanting to see within the school both inside and outside of the classroom. Key items brought up were more hands on learning, going on trips and experiences that complement the curriculum. Also, the school App and Seesaw are proving invaluable ways to communicate messages to families and show students reaching their learning goals.

Last Monday the RHSC provided the services of Flips and Tumbles to the school, this was a great opportunity for our students to learn some new skills, we appreciate the RHSC making this possible.

Enjoy the break over the holidays and get ready for a busy term 4.

From the Rimu School BOT - Stacey, Brendan, Corey, Greg, Andrea, Aaron and Kate

From our Home and School Committee

We cannot believe we have come to the end of term 3 already. Christmas will be here before we know it!!

Excitement levels are growing for our upcoming pet day on the 18 November. We have changed the format of pet day slightly this year by taking away the gala day side of it and keeping it more about the pets. Children will be able to create some of the indoor entries during class on the morning of pet day, with the help of the teachers. Pets will arrive at lunch time where judging will happen, followed by the grand parade and the much loved lamb drinking race. The children will then be able to have a look around the indoor entries and will finish the day off with the exciting and very popular cake auction.

This term our committee funded a Flips and Tumbles session for all children at school. This is a Christchurch based company who gave the children the experience of flipping, tumbling and parkour. We have had fabulous feedback from the teachers and children, it was a great day had by all.

Rimu Home and School Committee have recently helped with funding for the purchase for some gym mats for the children to use and practise the skills they have learnt during Flips and Tumbles.

A wonderful committee who run some great fundraising events allow us to provide funding for our Tamariki to experience things like this.

This term we ran our Pasta Vera and Coupland's food fundraiser and this was well supported by our school community. A reminder that our last scratchboard, donated by our wonderful coffee lady Andrea is sitting in the office. Be in to win!!

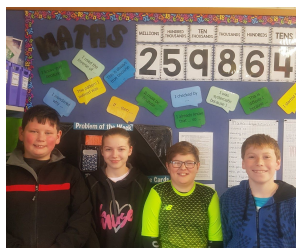
Have a great holiday break from Rimu Home and School Committee.

Akomanga Kōrero:

MATAI

What a term! Matai showed great mana motuhake with the action packed term we have had! We've been involved in Kapa Haka, Pasifika, Ukulele, organising the Book Fair, organising the disco, Moffet Cup, EIS Technology Challenge, Netball Tournament, Knitting classes at Age Concern, Wellbeing day, Singout...phewf! A huge amount of fun learning we have had!

Our term focus was to carry out a science investigation for the annual Science Fair Competition. After all the hard mahi, commitment and ako (team work), Alec, Luke B, Connor, Daniel and Charli all received Highly Commended and Pippa, Luke C and Alesana received a bronze award; these are not easily received!



Matai also have fantastic mathematicians! As well as working incredibly hard all term, Luke B, Caydan, Charli and Daniel received 'Merit' in the University of Otago Problem Solving Challenge.

We have been working on having a positive mindset and being kind to one another. Each day we identify the things that we are grateful for and we write a kind message to a classmate. We then share these and our brains release dopamine so we feel good! Try it! Here are some of the things we are grateful for:

- I am grateful for finishing the science fair as I had to have patience and be organised - Luke B
- I am grateful for the surprise weather as day as you never know what it's going to bring - Charli
- I am grateful for all the times I clean my room as it means I have a room to sleep in - Pippa
- I am grateful for my stationery as it means I have the opportunity to learn and write - Harry
- I am grateful for the 21st century because it means girls can have a proper education and a job they have always dreamed to have - Cassie
- I am grateful for having a lego masterpiece broken as it means I can rebuild it - Luke C
- I am grateful for my writing as it means I have something to say and someone hears it - Shanae
- I am grateful for cows as they give us milk - Charlotte

KOWHAI

In the weekend kowhai were lucky enough to be selected to represent the Hits radio station and support the stags by being the Spiker Squad. This meant that the children had access to the Stags game as well as running onto the field with the players. Some of the highlights for the children were: the bouncy castle, a free ticket to the game, meeting the players, sitting in the stand right at the front and of course seeing them win; which is because Kowhai was there of course.

The children have written about their experience at the game. Below is an example.

As I snuck a glimpse at the monstrous stadium, the rusted weather beaten gate creaked open. As the minutes went by, the peaceful atmosphere quickly became a hive of activity as the kids were shouting. All the while parents were huddled at the ticket booth trying to bargain with the ticket man. As I was hustled through the gates, I was immediately hit by the murmurs and shouting as I stood there immersed. As I am taking it all in, I was suddenly under one of the four towering lights; or should I say mega lights. Trudging under them, I suddenly felt small and insignificant. When Charlie sees me, he bounds over, words flying out of his mouth. But I wasn't listening to

a word he said, I was immersed in the brutal training that was happening on the field. By Jacob



MANUKA

This term has been EPIC! We have been involved in so many activities and learning experiences, for example... we ran the first assembly, did heaps of hands on measurement in Maths, competed in Moffett Cup, wrote wicked writing, hit the stage with our Pacifica and Kapa Haka groups, went swimming, hit the slopes snow skiing, strummed up a storm playing our Ukuleles in Dunedin, went head over heels during the Flips and Tumbles experience, had a snow day, got to bring our big and small wheels to school, sung on the stage in the last SINGOUT with our choir and we even won tickets to go to the Stags win their first game in nearly 3 years! All this in 10 weeks. Talk about action packed. Below are some of our thoughts and feelings on the many events and activities we have experienced.

I liked doing assembly because I got a speaking part - Mahaileyah.

We read heaps so we are good writers. I liked writing about the snow day the best - Sophie

I liked putting together the fraction wall and sorting containers into smallest to biggest - Quentin.

I liked watching my Huskie dog play in the snow because it kind of did roly polys on it's sides like we did in flips and tumbles - Jacob.

We got to go everywhere on our scooters, roller blades and skate boards - Seth

Benji helped us to win a trip to the rugby. It was the first game we won in 27 games. I think we were the lucky charm plus we were really loud and proud - Jaxx.

It was cool doing the obstacle course on my bike – Frikkie.

I liked beating everyone in big wheels day - Tim.

I enjoyed learning how to float on my back without a board

and to dive under the water in swimming - Lydia.

I thought the music was interesting and the moves were cool at Kapa Haka – Zoe.

Pacifica was fun and complicated but I really liked it - Vaylen

I liked learning how to ski with my Grandad Mark - Natasha

I liked hearing the uke songs – Nathaniel.

I liked learning the different strums - Brooke

I got to do a massive flip on the mini trampoline - Nico.

I enjoyed learning how to do flips on the bouncy mat – Bella.

I liked doing handstands and jumping on the mini tramp – Brooke

It was awesome when we got to bounce star jump and knee tuck - Max

I loved seeing Manuka children performing at the Civic for SINGOUT. It was a real proud teacher moment.



MIRO

Up Date From Miro ...

This term has been actioned packed. From Polyfest, to Flips and Tumbles, with swimming on Fridays, a small wheels and large wheels days, as well as a night of dancing in the hall.

The class has also been a hive of industry as well. We made some great art this term with Mrs B. Wrote about some really cool experiences - the Dragon Fruit has definitely been enjoyable for many. We've done lots of cooking with soup, scones and spaghetti buns. A group of Miro students did a counting collection and counted over 5000 beads..... The list of highlights goes on...



- Georgia enjoyed doing the frog art and writing with Mrs B. She enjoyed learning about using interesting words in her writing.
- Samara loved making big numbers this term.
- Braxton has enjoyed swimming - he learnt to swim on his back.
- Isla enjoyed when the flips and tumbles came. She liked doing flips and going on the tramp.
- Maisie loved doing buddy reading with the seniors students from Matai - "They are really helpful when we read to them. My favourite book this term was *The Ant* and *The Grasshopper*".

Thank you Rimu School Whānau your continued support is much appreciated. We hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable holiday break. We're looking forward to term four and all that it will bring.

Over and out from the Miro Team.

TŌTARA

What a busy term we have had! It began with welcoming Alex, Kayden and Oliver to our team. This term we have been scientists - asking questions, sharing and testing our ideas. When we began swimming this term, we wondered why some things float and other things don't. This week we tested how

to make colours 'walk' and what happens when they mix.

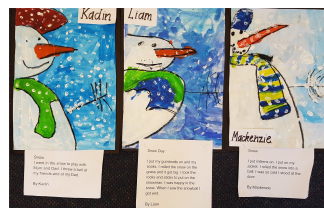
We enjoyed supporting Daisy, our only Totara member in the Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups at Polyfest. We were very proud of her and the other Rimu children who took part.

We also explored the sports shed to see what we could play with during lunchtimes. We then decided to ask our tuakana teina in Matai if they would teach us some new games. That has been fun.

Trying the obstacle course on Wheels Days, a trust walk, flipping and tumbling on bouncy mats and boxes were challenges we tried this term.

A snow day was a surprise that we all enjoyed. We love our snowman art.

We hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday.



RĀTĀ

Reflections from Rata:



We have enjoyed an eventful term and welcomed Stella, Kyla and Talilah and their whanau to our team.

Our swimming started at the beginning of the term with the children gaining water confidence and water safety skills. The Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups did us proud at Polyfest, presenting very polished performances that made our children shine! We loved being in the audience watching them perform, and were especially proud of Mason, Gideon, Astar, Oliana and Joel from the Rata team. We have continued with our learning goals and investigated 'What makes a fruit a fruit, and a vegetable a vegetable?' after we discovered we weren't quite sure. Our Key Competency focus has been around 'Risk Taking' and many of us have taken risks as we learn new things, make new friends, and attempt new challenges, even in our school playground. Big Wheels Day and Small Wheels Day proved to be very popular as did the disco, a pj day and a snow day! We were lucky enough to also have a session with 'Flips and Tumbles' while they were in Invercargill, which put our balance and co-ordination skills to the test.. A beanstalk sprouted in the classroom during the term after some great shared reading.

All in all, the term has been lots of fun with lots of opportunities for learning and playing for all the children. As we reflect on the term, we have been very fortunate to have so many people who have helped and supported us in different ways, so we would like to express a big thank you from Rata..

Have a happy holiday and we'll look forward to Term 4!
From Rata



From the Beeching Whanau

It's true, when you hear the words "...sorry, but we have found cancer" your world literally stops. The life you used to know has been totally turned on its axis as you grapple with a whole new world of learning you never wanted to know about. It seemed our family life was literally crumbling as we tried to deal with everything, but at the same time try to keep things 'normal' for our then 4 and 7 year old children.

They say it takes a village to raise a child; well the 'village' of Rimu school well and truly raised this family during my diagnosis and treatment. To everyone who sent kind messages, the hugs, the meals/baking, the child care, words of encouragement, positivity, helping out while I was away for 5 weeks radiation in Christchurch, and the constant 'check in's' – even from some parents I have never met before - a heartfelt thank you.

It truly touched and warmed our hearts and we are forever grateful. While our hearts had been broken, this allowed the light to shine through from our awesome school community which we will never forget.
Paula, Stefan, Maia and Jacob.