



Friday 5th August 2022

Tēnā koutou katoa ngā mihi ki Te whānau o te Kura o Rimu – greetings to all families of Rimu School.

Wow, it's hard to believe we've only been back at school for 2 weeks. In true Rimu style, we've managed to squeeze in lots of exciting learning opportunities already. Read on below to find out what we've been up to;

Moffett Cup:

What an amazing day for Moffett Cup! It would have been very pleasant for all the supporting whānau standing on the sidelines. Our tamariki made us proud by playing with mana motuhake (grit, persistence and striving for their best) and manaakitanga (respect demonstrated through good sportsmanship).

Huge congratulations to our Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 netball teams who both placed 3rd in their respective competitions - tūmeke - awesome!



Playhouse Theatre:

We had a fabulous start to the term with a performance from the Playhouse Theatre - The Emperor's New Clothes. It was a very entertaining performance for both our tamariki and our kaiako (teachers) and a great opportunity to see live theatre. Thank you to our fantastic Home and School Committee for making it all possible!

Kapa Haka and Samoan Group practices:

We have begun practising for Polyfest and our tamariki are buzzing about their dances, waiata, haka and learning poi. We're sharing the practice videos via our School App so tamariki can do a little practice at home, so please ensure you've subscribed to the Kapa Haka and Samoan Group subscriptions.



Waihopaitaka Project - Training our Kaiārahi

The fabulous Wiki is currently working with some of our seniors to develop them as tuakana leaders so they can teach pūrākau and kēmu across the school. It has been fantastic seeing our leaders step up and teach our younger tamariki. It is definitely helping to strengthen our senior's Te Reo pronunciation.

Red, Black and White Day Fundraising for the Southland Charity Hospital - Congratulations Rimu Community!
 Last Friday we dressed up and raised a grand total of \$499.20 towards much needed medical equipment. Rimu Community - you're tūmeke (awesome)! And didn't we look fantastic?



Maths Professional Learning and Rob Proffitt-White:

On Monday we were incredibly thankful to our whānau for supporting our Teacher Only Day, which enabled us to engage in professional learning with Rob Proffitt-White with Tisbury, Aurora, Drummond, Thornbury and Otatara Schools. Rob inspires us to think critically about how to develop conceptual understandings and critical thinking young mathematicians. One of Rob's strengths as a facilitator, is his ability to "walk the talk" through demonstrations in classes and our Rimu junior team were incredibly fortunate to have an unplanned visit from Rob on Tuesday.



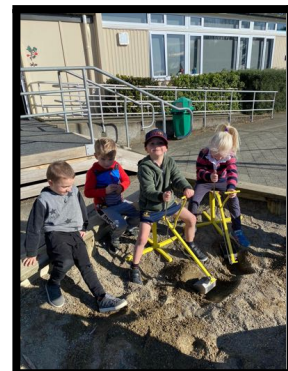
Senior Netball Tournament at the Stadium on Tuesday:

On Tuesday some of our seniors, adorned in a kaleidoscope of rainbow colours, took to the court for the annual senior netball tournament at the Stadium. They had a fantastic day playing against other schools and demonstrated manaakitanga through being great sports people!



Exciting New Sandpit Toys - Huge Thanks To Our Home and School Committee!

Our Miro and Rātā tamariki had a fabulous time this week investigating the range of fabulous new sandpit toys our very generous Home and School Committee donated. The new toys provide opportunities for our tamariki to learn valuable ako skills - communicating, sharing and negotiating. Plus, they add more fun to our play breaks.



Board of Trustees

Sadly the current Board Elections marks the end of Stacey Bradley and Greg Herbert's time as Board members. I would like to acknowledge the significant contributions they have both made over their time on our Board. Stacey has been an incredibly professional and supportive Board Chair and I have valued her proactive approach to governance. Greg has been the "man behind the Board finances" and contributed time and energy to property projects, such as our Scooter Track. Thank you both for your time, energy and commitment to supporting our school to be the very best, little rural school!

Our Board of Trustees nominations are in and because we have received 3 nominations to fill 3 spaces, we are pleased to welcome Dave Gibbs, Hannah Patu and Cath McCraw to the Board. Welcome to the team!

Welcome to Karter, Nail and Lenix

Haere mai, welcome to Rimu Karter (Kōwhai), Niall and Lenix (Rātā). We look forward to getting to know you and your whānau.

School Calendar on the School App

Don't forget to pop onto the calendar on the School App regularly to keep up to date with upcoming events. As soon as events are confirmed, dates and times are entered into the calendar for your reference. We then communicate details about these events approximately 2 weeks in advance.

Nāku noa nā – yours sincerely,

Kate