

Nīkau Newsletter



Term 4
2024



Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome to Term 4!

The final stretch of the year is upon us, and it's going to be a fantastic and action-packed term. Here's a sneak peek at what's in store!

Zoo Sleepover Adventure!

We're counting down to the highly anticipated Zoo Trip! Just a few weeks away, this experience will be the highlight of our term and inspire our learning theme. Students will explore how animals adapt to their environments, with activities ranging from researching animal habitats to creating dioramas. They'll learn about conservation, animal behavior, and biodiversity through inquiry-based projects, reading, and writing tasks. We'll also incorporate Te Reo Māori by learning animal names and phrases. Through hands-on art projects, zoo debates, and discussions on kaitiakitanga (guardianship), students will develop a deeper understanding of the natural world and their role in protecting it.

Athletics Day—On Your Marks, Get Set, Go!

Our Junior Athletics Day (Years 2–4) will be held at Adventure Park on Friday, November 29 with postponement dates the following week, just in case. We'll be working with students beforehand, teaching the skills they need to shine in each event. It's always a day full of energy, fun, and plenty of team spirit!

Fort Building Extravaganza!

A much-loved tradition in Nīkau, our Fort Building challenge is back! Students will team up to create their own forts, which they'll then use to enjoy board games and imaginative play. This year's Fort Building will take place during the last two weeks of school. Your child's teacher will be in touch with more details, including any materials that might be needed. Get ready for some impressive architectural creations!

Water Fun at Aotea Lagoon

This year, we're bringing the water fun to Aotea Lagoon! On Monday, December 9th (Wednesday 12th as postponement), we'll have a picnic lunch, play on the playground, and splash around in the splash pad. Fingers crossed for a sunny day! Best of all, there's no cost—just lots of laughter and fun, with parent help for transport (we'll reach out closer to the date).

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