



Term 3 Newsletter

Year 4 2026

Welcome back to Term 3! The winter weather is officially here, but we aren't letting the cold slow us down. We have an absolutely packed Term 3 ahead of us, full of exciting learning, new things to discover, and plenty of reasons to keep moving and staying warm.

Inquiry Term 3

Our Year 4 students are stepping into the role of both historians and geologists as we explore how human ideas and powerful natural forces shape our world. We will be looking outward to the ancient past to discover how early civilisations influenced the way we live today, while also looking right beneath our feet to investigate the incredible physical history of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Fitness and P.E.

Students will learn to play invasion games like rippa rugby by mastering the basics of passing and catching. They will practice running into open space, making quick decisions on when to pass or run, and using strategies like tagging and intercepting to win the ball. Most importantly, they will learn to play fairly by following basic game rules, like changing possession if the ball is dropped. Alongside this, we will continue our everyday fitness.

Music - The Beat Station

This term, our students will be participating in The Beat Station. The students will take part in hands-on weekly sessions where they will learn rhythm, beat, and melody. It's a wonderful, high-energy programme that builds confidence and ensures every child has the opportunity to enjoy making music together!

Y4 field trip

We have an exciting field trip planned for this term! Keep an eye out for more details, including dates and permission slips, which will be sent home later this term. The cost of this trip and The Beat Station music lessons are being paid for by your child's activity fees. If you haven't paid this, please pay through 'Kindo.'

Cultural Week

Our school is excited to host Cultural Week from Monday, 21 September to Friday, 25 September 2026, to celebrate our diverse community. Throughout the week, we will explore the language, arts, and traditions of India as our chosen country. The week will conclude on Friday with a vibrant celebration featuring a "Parade of Nations." We will advise you about dates and activities closer to the time.

General Housekeeping

Uniform

Please continue to ensure that all pieces of clothing are clearly named, including fleeces and raincoats. School hats are optional this term; however, we encourage wearing them whenever necessary.

Tissues

During the winter months we tend to use quite a few tissues. Please send a box of tissues to school for your child's class to share.

Key Dates

Friday 24 July: Junky Monkeys Loose Parts Play Session

Wednesday 29 July: Teacher Led Meetings (3:30pm - 7:30pm)

Thursday 30 July: Teacher Led Meetings (3:30pm - 5:30pm)

Friday 7 August: Northern Bays Football Tournament

Monday 10 August: Class and Portrait Photos

Tuesday 11 August: Sibling Photos

Wednesday 19 August: Northern Bays Winter Sports Day

Thursday 20 August: Rippa Tournament

Friday 21 August: Teacher Only Day (School Closed)

Friday 25 September: Last Day of Term 3 and Cultural Parade

Ngā mihi nui,

The Year 4 team - Zara Fletcher, Jenny Bate and Sacha Walsh.