



Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou
Learning for Life and Making it Count

2024 Term 2 Week 6 - Friday 7 June 2024

As we end week 6 the students have become familiar with the new classroom names Pūharakekenui (Styx river), Te Riu (Te Riu o Te Aika Kawa (Brooklands Lagoon)) and Waimakariri.

Budget 2024 and Education

[LINK to further information](#)

\$2.9 billion over the next 4 years to improve student outcomes.

Key investments made in the Budget include an additional:

- \$1.5 billion for education property.
- \$478 million for Ka Ora Ka Ako to continue the Healthy School Lunches Programme for 2 more years, including \$8 million to introduce a targeted early childhood food programme.
- \$199 million over 4 years including a 3% increase for Schools Equity and Isolation Index based components and a 2.5% increase for the remaining components of school operating grants.
- \$191 million over 4 years for a cost adjustment of 2% to the Early Childhood Education (ECE) subsidy for under 2-year-olds, ECE subsidy for 2-year-olds and over, 20 Hours ECE, and Equity Funding.
- \$163 million over 4 years to support digital services in schools, including cyber security and equipment replacement.
- \$67 million over 4 years for the implementation of structured literacy in all state primary schools. ([Further information](#))
- \$53 million over 4 years for teacher supply, retention and attraction initiatives.
- \$45 million over 4 years to support the rapid increase in numbers of students that require English for Speakers of Other Languages support.
- \$32 million for Holidays Act remediation for school employees, based on an updated estimate of liability.
- \$15 million over 4 years to increase funding for the School High Health Needs Fund.
- \$14 million over 4 years to support the ongoing delivery of Ikura Period products in schools programme.
- \$13 million over 4 years to provide sustainable funding to Playcentres.
- \$153 million over 4 years to establish Charter Schools | Kura Hourua. ([Link to information about charter schools](#))

New Zealand Curriculum update and Technology explained.

Technology curriculum is one of the current seven curriculum areas. The New Zealand Curriculum Framework was released in 1993 and a stand alone Technology statement was introduced in 1995. In 2007 the New Zealand curriculum statements were updated and combined into one New Zealand Curriculum document. An aim of the new Technology curriculum was based on the *importance of students carrying out technological practice and*



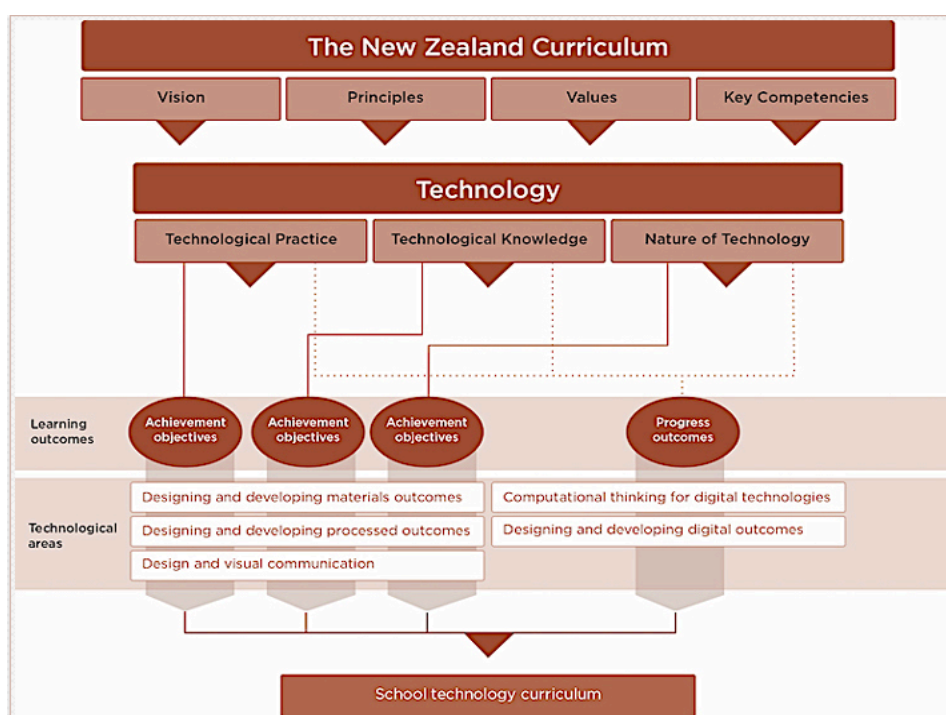
to develop students' technological literacy, it was proposed three strands be: "nature of technology", "technological knowledge" and "technological practice".

In technology, students explore how people intervene in the world by developing products, systems, and environments to expand their possibilities.

In 2017 the Technology curriculum area was revised and two more strands were added:

- Computational thinking for digital technologies
- Designing and developing digital outcomes

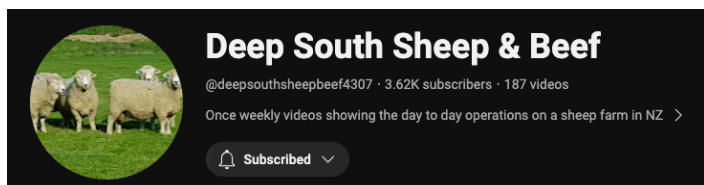
Below is an overview of the current Technology curriculum.



We have one more week on Wonder Project Rocket Challenge. On Thursday 13 June will be the final launch of all rockets. Parents are very welcome to join us for the final day.

FARMERTIME

Room 4 and Room 5 are continuing to connect with Sarah and Ben Dooley from their farm in Wyndham. Parents can see more of the work of Sarah and Ben Dooley on their facebook page. [LINK](#)



**Monster Music Concert - Parents Welcome**

Friday 21 June at 2pm

**2024 Term Dates:**

Term 2: Mon 29th April – Fri 5th July
Fri 28 June - Matariki holiday (No School)
Fri 5 July - Matariki BOT Soup Night

Term 3: Mon 22nd July – Fri 27th Sept

Term 4: Mon 14th Oct – Wed 18th Dec
Mon 28 October - Labour Day
Fri 15 November - Canterbury Show Day

Ski trip 2024 - Year 5 to 8

Date: Friday 20th September
Ski Field: Porter Heights Ski Field
Travel: Bus

Camp 2024 - Year 5 to Year 8
Venue: Living Springs
Dates: 04 to 06 Dec 2024

Pūharakekui (Team Tipu) news ... Lisa Hewitt

After about three weeks of sickness moving through our class we are now back to full capacity and it is wonderful to have everyone back to full health. We were sad to say goodbye to Lyndsey Jefferies who has now returned to the U.S.A. where she will enjoy the summer before starting her very first teaching job.

The tamariki have been enjoying the Rocket challenge on Thursday afternoons and lots have been really successful with their launches. We have continued working on our Health Unit and have been looking at ways we are unique, goals that we want to be able to achieve when we are older and ways that we can look after our bodies. If you are able to pop in there is a new learning display that highlights some of our health learning.

We are all learning about shape at the moment for Maths. We are learning shape names, counting sides, corners and faces (when dealing with 3D shapes). We are also learning to recognise where different shapes can be found in our everyday lives.



Thank you to whānau for the help you are giving your tamariki with their home learning. It is great that we are able to form a positive partnership that shares the value of their learning and helps them to keep experiencing success.

As always do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I am here both before school and after school most days or you can email me.

Te Riu o Te Aika Kawa (Room 3) **news ... Carolyn Watson**

Hello to all! Hope you are all well as many of our students have been away, and myself last week!

It has been great being back with Te Riu this week, reconnecting and seeing some of the awesome work they are capable of! This has included some wonderful writing based around the Minecraft game which was one of the best prompts I have ever used in my career! The tamariki have been teaching me about Diamonds and particular characters! You should see some of these published next week, via Seesaw.

A few students in Te Riu have volunteered to be part of the Kahui (North Canterbury schools) choir and will be performing the evening of 3 July at Kaiapoi High school in 3 weeks.

There will be a notice going home next week with final details and free tickets will be going home to the families involved.

Our Health Inquiry unit based around looking after ourselves and others, has gone very well and we will be starting our Science unit on Plants in a couple of weeks. You may have noticed some planting happening already at the end of Waimakariri (Room 5).

The Rocket Challenge has been fun and exciting and our final launches will happen next Thursday 13 June in the afternoon which you are welcome to attend.

In Maths, both the Year 3 and 4s have been learning their timetables, getting better and faster with these. Please practise with your children, Year 3s, the 2s, 5s and 10x, Year 4s, 3 and 4x tables.

We met our next 3rd year teacher trainee, Whitney Coull yesterday and she will be working with us on Thursdays for the rest of this term and then, 5 weeks (from week 2) in term 3.

Kia ora, Keep well, Ka kite ano, Carolyn Watson

Waimakariri (Room 5) **news ... Michelle Busch**

We have been busy coding at the Turanga library, exploring the books and levels there and all the library has to offer. Christchurch libraries are a wonderful resource to help your child's academic ability. Please see the site below for Matariki celebrations and children's activities scheduled in the coming weeks that might interest your whanau.

<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/matariki/>

I have been well but my own children have been quite sick and my son needed dental surgery. I hope your children stay well or get well, as there are terrible bugs going around. In class, we talk about washing our hands before we eat, coughing into our elbows, eating lots of food rich in Vitamin C and naturally staying home if we are unwell.

Daily we discuss the importance of eating a healthy breakfast to help us have enough energy to focus and work. Some students are coming to school without breakfast in their puku. I hope they can make a plan to remedy this. I enjoyed seeing many students eat the



feijoas that I brought in from my tree as they are rich in vitamins and nutrients. Unfortunately, I don't like their taste!

Our whole kura Rocket challenge for our Science unit continues this term on a Thursday afternoon. We thank Isaiah's dad Greig for his commitment to us every week without fail - encouraging the tamariki with tips and knowledge, and launching our rockets. There have been some really successful launches! Our next Science unit looks at soil and how we need healthy soil to grow vegetables. We will be hoping some of you will volunteer to help us with our garden. Please let me know if you can spare some time to help us with our new school garden projects (even if it is on the weekend).

We have continued working on our Health unit and have been looking at ways we can be a good friend to ourselves and others as we navigate the changes in our bodies and lives.

We are all learning about measurement and then moving into geometry in Maths. We will be going over learning shape names, counting vertices of 3D shapes, and using our skills of area and volume in equations. We have started Times Table Rock Stars which students are amazing at! Why not ask them to show you at home! Please continue to sign their homework after you hear them read or see them revise spelling and maths. Thanks for your support.

A word from the PTA.....

The firewood is all chopped up and drying out so keep an eye out for more information on our "wood selling day". The PTA would like to say thank you to everyone who helped with this especially to Kev who donated a lot of time and effort chain-sawing up all the logs for us. The PTA would never have been able to do it without him and all he wanted in return was a picture for his wall – what a good guy!!



Thanks to everyone who purchased some pumpkin soup/hot chocolate at the cross country, we hope you enjoyed it. We would like to thank New World Prestons who donated all the bread rolls/milk/marshmallows for that day.

Our annual disco is set for 27 June 6-7.30pm so keep that date free. The kids (and some parents) always love having a boogie. Tickets on sale soon.

From your PTA: Bec, Cora, Kerry, Jenny, Simona, Celeste, Shahana and Kelly (new members always wanted, if you're interested let us know)

From the office

Waimakariri Ski Trip and Classroom Camp

The cost for the ski trip will be approximately \$110.00 and camp will cost approximately \$240.00.

If you would like to start paying some money towards either of these trips please see me or pop the money into the school bank account:

Ōuruhia School: 03 1700 0060244 00 with your name as a reference.

**School Hours:**

Ōuruhia School starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.00pm.

Parents are asked to have their children at school by 8.45am at the latest.

For the students that arrive before 8.30am, they will need to wait outside the library until the 8.30am bell goes.

The final bell for the day goes at 3:15pm and it is expected that all children will be picked up by then. If there is an odd occasion that you are running late, please advise the school office.

Traffic:

We have had a complaint from our neighbours regarding the driving of some of the people that drop children at Ōuruhia School. Turners Road is a 60km area and we need to be very mindful of the speed that some cars travel down the road.

Please follow all road rules.

Please DO NOT: Do U Turns in front of the school, stop on yellow lines, let your child out roadside of the car, double park, pull into the school driveway to drop your child off or stop at the crossing to let your child cross the road.

Please make sure that you always indicate when pulling in and out when parking.

Thank you for your support, your child's safety is our number one priority.

From your BOT ... Louise T

Kia ora

The Board of trustees would like to warmly welcome you and your whānau/family to come along to celebrate Matariki with us. For Māori, the rising of Matariki signals te Mātahi o te Tau, the Māori New Year. The appearance of Matariki in the morning sky is a sign for people to gather, to honour those who have passed, celebrate the present, and plan for the future.

We thought this is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together to celebrate the end of the term and half way through 2024!

Friday 5th July from 5pm onwards. BYO dinner.

On Friday 5th July can the tamariki please bring to school some sort of vegetable/vegetables to add to the soup. The children will be involved in preparing the soup for us to share. If any parent's or grandparents are available to help the children to prepare the soup please let Raewyn know.

If you would like to learn more about Matariki here is a fun video from a few years ago 😊

<https://www.facebook.com/Hahanaofficial/videos/1043254929944987>

We hope to see you all there!
Ōuruhia school BOT



Ngā Kete Wānanga-o-Ōtautahi

Christchurch City Council Libraries

**Christchurch City Libraries next van visit for Term 2.
Friday 21 June**

In our community.....

Good Reason to join a Toy Library #2



Get to hire
those
REALLY BIG
toys!



Spencer Park Toy Library

For more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/FiddlestyxToyLi>

Welcome to Term 2



Come along
and visit your
local
Playcentre
this week!

Welcome to our Village Playcentre

Spencerville Playcentre

Open Mon,Tues,Thur 9-1



