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PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

I am really pleased with the smooth start we had to the year. The children were keen to be back and the teachers had programmes ready to challenge them.

Most had their stationery too, so that helped. This term is very important as its when teachers and children build relationships that will impact on successful learning through the year. That is why it is important for you to try and form a relationship with the teacher so that all parties are heading in the same direction.

Whanaungatanga Day

This is about relationships and we have [shifted our family day to FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY this year](#). We have specific times so that it is easier to participate during the day.

At 11.30am on Friday the classrooms will be open and you can call in to see your child, greet and meet the teacher. At 12.00pm there will be whanau/family picnics in the school grounds. So, bring along a mat or blanket, try to find a shady spot and share lunch with about the 800 people joining us.

Then Leadership team and teachers will circulate so that you can get to know each other. Some teachers will be on duty so that means they will not be on the field.

The picnic runs until 1.00pm when the children will have their usual play before returning to school. We **do not** anticipate that children will go home early.

If you have an appointment please sign your child out at the school office before leaving the school grounds. Children that are going home early will be marked as unexplained or unjustified.

Meet the Parents

These meetings will be held on

Wednesday 14th February 3:20pm – 7:00pm and Thursday 15 February 3:20pm – 5:00pm.

There are opportunities for parents to talk to the classroom teacher, so bring along all your information about your child(ren). The teachers may ask questions but will not be reporting/sharing their knowledge with you. This is not a session for children to sit in on.

If your child is in MANUKA interviews will ONLY take place on WEDNESDAY 14th February 3.20pm -7.00pm

If your child is in **Room 18 Mrs Melanie Johnsons** class or in **Room 24 Mrs Tracey Moore** class interviews will be held on TUESDAY 13th 3.20pm -7.00pm and THURSDAY 15th 3.20pm-5.00pm.

Please book these interviews at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz **School Code: nprdy** – a direct link is on the school app on the side menu under links ☺

Parking

As a school we work really hard to have good relationships with our neighbours. I was disappointed on Friday to have people in the Waikato Orthodontist complain about the number of school parents using the carpark. This is a business and they need to ensure that their clients are able to park close to the premises. I have asked duty teachers to identify people using the carpark and if possible to remind you to keep out. You will have noticed that the owners have a sign reminding you to keep out. When you are parking around the school please don't:

1. Park across driveways
2. Park on grass in front of properties
3. Park on the yellow lines

All of these are illegal. If there are problems we will contact Hamilton City Council to have wardens enforce the rules.

Solution

There are nearly 900 students at school and 600 families. Traffic is horrendous outside the school. The best solution to traffic hold-ups and wasting fuel is to park in the Countdown carpark and your children can walk up to that area. It is quicker than sitting in a queue of traffic for 15-20 minutes.

The traffic problem is worse on wet days.

Another of the holdups is caused is cars turning right onto Hukanui Road.

Please rethink your travel plans. It's about making the best decisions to get home with the least stress.

Another solution is to start building children's independence and encouraging them to walk, scooter or bike even if it's just to and from Countdown carpark or another pick up point that suits you.

Hats

I have been pleased that almost 98% of children have hats. They also have access to sunscreen when they are going outside. As I have been walking round the grounds at lunchtime I have had to talk to a number of children who are holding their hat while playing. I have reminded them that they need to wear the hat at all times when outdoors. I know you will support this as it is in the children's best interest.

Short Weeks

These first weeks have both been short weeks which does help children settle to school and also help manage the hot weather.

Celebration

This Friday we have our first whole school Celebration beginning at 10.00am. This week it will be lead by Room 24 and children from Room 8 will also share work. There will be a digital presentation by Year 3. You are most welcome to come along and join us.

Band Notices

At the end of last year some children were given notices to join the band and to hire instruments. These need to be back by the 15 February. Mr Stanbridge will be taking the band and he wants to organize the tutors to support the children. We have had great bands for many years and this year will be a great year too. It's good to be involved.

If you have a child in Year 4 or above and would like to consider the band please contact me and I will put you in touch with the right person.

Reading Homework

Homework should be brief and should not cause stress. If there are issues please contact the classroom teacher.

Homework Meeting

We had a Parent Homework Meeting planned. This is now postponed as the material is not yet ready. I will let you know when the meeting will be held.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has a governance roll and work with us as the day to day leader/manager to ensure that your children get the best possible education.

Their first meeting of the year will be new on Monday 26 February at 6.00pm. All meetings are open to the public.

The Board members are: John Luxton (Chair), Chris Smith, Fiona Bennett, Rob Willets, Michelle Bibby and Sherrin Jefferies .

Ice Blocks

The P.T.A will continue to sell lemonade ice blocks on Friday lunchtime. Costs are \$1.00 each. Often the new entrant and year 1 teachers collect the money and arrange the order to avoid young children having to queue. The office cannot provide change.

School App

You will have received a notice that we now have a school App to help keep you in touch. The newsletter will be sent to it, along with other notices. It will also allow access to the school calendar and our reporting site. Get onto it now.

Go to your App store

Search for: SchoolAppsNZ and download

Within that app search for Rototuna Primary School


I look forward to seeing many of you at the picnic day on Friday this week.

Kind regards,

**Mike Sutton
Principal**

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at your fingertips.**



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BACK TO SCHOOL SPORT! After School Programme

Mondays 12 February to 9 April 3:10 - 4:10pm
at Rototuna School

We aim to develop and enhance sports skills - catching, kicking and throwing while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness.

Come and try Basketball, Maori Games, Ultimate Frisbee, Kickball and Scatterball this term.

YEAR LEVEL: 0 - 4 (Age 5 - 8) **COST:** \$80.00 (\$75 if paid prior to 14 February)

For more information and to **BOOK ONLINE**
go to www.kellysports.co.nz
Email: waikato@kellysports.co.nz Tel: 07 839 9017

Fairfield Community Dental Clinic invites children and parents to attend a dental check-up at our facility this year.

Appointments are available throughout the year and we will contact you when your child is due for his/her regular dental check, or you can phone and make an appointment at any time if you have concerns.

Appointments will generally be posted to your home address with a text reminder two days prior. Please don't hesitate to call us on 0800 TALKTEETH or 07 859 9160 to change an appointment date/time, wanting to check/update contact details, or have questions/concerns.

Kind regards,

Fairfield Team
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A community choir for boys and girls with treble voices aged 8-13 years old.

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\$105 for a six week Term (plus a concert performance) beginning February 2018.

Auditions will be held at St Aidans Church on Friday February 23rd 3.30-7.00pm.

For an audition time and more information:
Email hannahgrace.bryant@gmail.com or call 0212069604.



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Meeting Times:

- **Tuesday 6pm**

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