



**Rototuna**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

Thank you very much for the great support of Whanaungatanga Day (picnic) last Friday. Despite the rain hundreds of parents and grandparents came along to support their children/grandchildren and to have a picnic lunch. It was so rewarding to have such a great response. The children also enjoyed being able to share their work with you. The day fulfilled our desire to build stronger relationships with family/whanau that will lead to greater learning for all within the school.

## **Meet the Parent**

Today and tomorrow 14 and 15 February we are holding our meet the Parent meetings. On both days they start at 3.20pm and last until 7.00pm on Wednesday and 5.00pm on Thursday. It is not too late to book an appointment.

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

Why are we calling this Meet the Parent? It's because we recognise that as parents you have a huge amount of knowledge about your children and we need to understand that if we are going to be even more effective in assisting your children to learn. So, come along and share your knowledge - the teachers are waiting to listen to your expertise. I look forward to seeing you all here over the next two days.

## **Chinese New Year**

Tomorrow is the Chinese New Year and on behalf of the staff I wish all our Chinese parents and children a successful and prosperous New Year. 2018 is the Year of the Dog and I know that there will be many Celebrations over the next few days. I checked on Google and this year is that of the Earth Dog and is the first since 1958. The source told me that children born this year will be communicative, serious and responsible in the workplace. I am sure that teachers will look forward to those children starting school in five years' time.

I hope that many children will receive red envelopes and positive wishes on New Years Day. I also hope that children will explain the Chinese New Year to their teachers.

## **P.T.A**

We are very fortunate to have a great P.T.A (Parent Teacher Association) which does a great deal to support learning and teaching in our school. Projects that they have done include the shade cloth over the playgrounds, the building of the playground next to Room 25, all the seating tables and umbrellas around the school, lovely seating and gardens outside Totara Block, the paved footpaths behind the hubs across to Kauri block, the sandpit by the Shirley McKay walkway and working with the Board to provide the covered court.

These are just a few of the visible things they have done. They have also provided iPad's, outdoor games and a huge number of classroom resources.

So, it's time to think about engaging with this group so that there are more hands to do the work of the P.T.A. The first meeting on 28 February will be one devoted to engaging with more people. Come along and find out how you can be involved and share your talents for the good of all our students. The P.T.A raises around \$50,000 a year so there are resources and equipment worth over \$750,000 since the school has opened.

None of those resources would have been available without the P.T.A.

They are not just about fundraising. The P.T.A is about building community helping parents to meet other parents making our school a friendlier place.

I hope to see you **at 7.00pm Wednesday 28 February in the staffroom** for nibbles and then to participate in a meeting.

## **Board of Trustees**

They have a crucial role in governing the school, which I have great pleasure in leading and managing. The Board members are John Luxton (Chair), Fiona Bennett (Treasurer), Chris Smith, Michelle Bibby, Rob Willets and Sherrin Jefferies. I am also a member of the Board.

They meet monthly (except over summer breaks). This year their first meeting will be on Monday 26 February at 6.00pm in the meeting room at school. The Board meets on the fourth Monday of the month and meetings are open to the public.

## **Football/Soccer Skills Session**

This Friday Year 3-6 students will be involved in a skills session with Adam Thomas. This is part of the physical education sessions we provide at school.

## **Celebration**

The next whole school Celebration will be on Friday 23 February beginning at 10.00am. You are most welcome to come along. The next Celebration will be led by Room 23 & Room 9 will share work. There will also be a digital presentation from Rm 18.

## **Homework**

From the beginning of this week all children should have had reading homework. This usually involves reading to an adult or older sibling at home and should only take a few minutes. Hopefully you will supplement this by reading to your children or providing daily time when they can read books at home.

## **Spotlighted Students**

### **Makenzy McDonald -**

Makenzy is an amazing Kaiwhakawhiti Kōrero, a communicator, who participates in class discussions and shares her ideas with the class. She puts a lot of effort into thinking about what to say and makes valuable contributions to learning in class.

### **Danny Cao -**

Danny is an excellent Kaimahi Takitahi, a self manager. He is always focused on his tasks and does not get distracted by events around him. He is aware of the class expectations and manages his time and learning efficiently.

### **Annalise Giesege -**

Annalise is a great Kaikōkiri, a risk taker. She is always willing to give new learning a go and has had a great start to the year. Annalise has already set herself some learning goals and is putting a lot of effort into working towards achieving these goals.

### **Aizak Anderson -**

Aizak is a wonderful Kaiwhakaaro, a thinker. He puts a lot of time and effort into thinking about problems discussed in class and then comes up with creative solutions. Aizak participates in all class activities with enthusiasm and tries to give it his best always.

### **Jacqueline Li -**

Jacqueline is a great Team Player/Kaimahi-a-rōpū and Self Manager/Kaimahi Takitahi. She always comes into class with a smile, is eager to learn, and gets herself organised for the day. She has been amazing at helping a new student to our school (and country) to settle in and has been helping her in the mornings with practising her English.

### **Maryam Al-Sudani -**

Maryam is a great Self Manager/Kaimahi Takitahi. She puts a lot of effort and care into the tasks she completes, which have all been to a high standard. She is enthusiastic about her learning and has made a great start to the year.

### **Raghav Shukla -**

Raghav has made a great start to the year and has been an awesome Kaimahi Takitahi, a self manager and Kaiwhakawhiti Kōrero, a communicator. He is always organized, ready to learn at the start of the day and puts his best effort into his learning. He always has a smile on his face and eagerly takes part in class discussions.

### **Eric Joe -**

Eric is a great thinker, Kaiwhakaaro, and communicator Kaiwhakawhiti Kōrero. He eagerly takes part in class discussions, enlightening the class with his observations and is not afraid to ask questions to clarify learning.

Congratulations to those students who have made a great start to the year.

As our school roll is higher we are now spotlighting 8 students at each Celebration instead of the 4 that we used to acknowledge.

## **Gymnastics**

Hamilton City Gymsports are holding sessions at Rototuna Primary School Term 1 on Wednesdays at lunchtime. This will start THIS Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February and finish 4<sup>th</sup> April. It is suitable for Year 0-6. Please come in to the school office for a form and pay DIRECT to Hamilton City Gymsports – for more information about this phone Hamilton City Gymsports 849 4546

## **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 you this week at the Meet the Parent Meeting.**

**Kind regards,**

**Mike Sutton  
Principal**



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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 (Ae 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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)  
Email: [waikato@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:waikato@kellysports.co.nz) Tel: 07 839 9017

## **SUBURBS COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB**

### **2018 JUNIOR RUGBY WEIGH-IN**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 10am-2pm

At Suburbs Community Sports Club, Flagstaff Park, Commodore Ave, Hamilton

Ages 4-12 years, boys and girls all welcome

All new players are required to bring a birth certificate or passport

For further details go to [www.hamiltonsuburbs.co.nz](http://www.hamiltonsuburbs.co.nz) or contact Brendon Stone 0274846013



# EASY OMELETTE



- 2 large eggs
- 2 Tbsp. water
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 1 Tbsp. low fat spread
- ½ cup filling – eg cheese, tomato, capsicum or your favourite vegetables

In a bowl mix eggs, water, salt and pepper well. Melt spread on medium heat in a medium sized pan. Pour in egg mix covering whole pan. Using a spatula, pull in cooked egg from the outside. Tilt the pan so uncooked egg can fill gaps until the bottom is set and egg looks slightly wet on top. Add fillings on one half of omelette and then gently fold other half on top. Slip on to a plate and enjoy!



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## TE RAPA JUNIOR RUGBY WEIGH INN

**Friday 2nd March 5pm to 7pm**

Sunday 4th March 10am to 12pm

Both at the Te rapa clubrooms on vickery st

New players need birth certificate

Subs

\*\$50 per child

\*\$25 per each extra sibling

Subs to be paid at weigh in if possible

Eftpos available

See u all there

FOR MORE INFO OR IF YOU CANT MAKE ONE OF  
THESE DATES CONTACT

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