



Rototuna

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

This week is the end of the month and we are at the end of week five. It has been a busy time as it should be as we are close to the middle of Twerm one. In fact, over 10% of the years school days have gone. It seems to have been a very fast few weeks at our school.

Important Dates for March

The following dates are of great importance over the next month

Thursday	1/3	TOMORROW School Swimming Sports. Only pre-registered competitive swimmers are going to Fairfield College Pool tomorrow.
Friday	2/3	PAT Testing continues with Rooms 11 and 14 completing on line testing
Monday	5/3	This is a family week for staff so there are no after school meetings this week Spelling and Mathematics homework begins Year 3 students doing a reading test online (Rm 5 today)
Tuesday	6/3	Testing for Room 22 Maths (9.00am) and Room 13 (11.00am) Reading Room 8 (1.30pm) Reading
Wednesday	7/3	Testing for Room 6 (9.00am) Reading Room 22 (11.00am) Reading and Room 7 (1.30pm) Reading
Thursday	8/3	Testing for Room 8 (9.00am) Reading Room 11 (11.00am) Reading and Room 9 (1.30pm) Reading Flying Start is at 1.30pm
Friday	9/3	Celebration at 9.30am NOTE THE TIME
Monday	12/3	Year 6 Leave for Camp APPROX 8.15 they MUST be at school at 7.30am NO LATER
Wednesday	14/3	Year 6 Return from Camp at 4pm
Thursday	15/3	Flying Start at 1.30pm
Monday	19/3	Year 5 Leave for Camp APPROX 8.15 they MUST be at school at 7.30am NO LATER
Tuesday	20/5	Senior Interschool Swimming
Wednesday	21/03	Year 5 Return from Camp at 4pm
Friday	22/3	Celebration at 10.00am
Tuesday	27/3	Junior Cross Country at 1.30pm (School Grounds Year 0,1,2)
Thursday	29/3	Postponement day for the Junior Cross Country Flying Start at 1.30pm School Closes for Easter Break at 3.00pm School Reopens on WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL

Home Learning

Next Monday a new approach to home learning will be sent home along with an explanation. It is designed to have close links with what is happening in the classroom. Readers will be sent home as usual

Board of Trustees



At the first meeting of every year the Board elects a Chairperson. On Monday Mr. Rob Willets was elected Chairperson effective immediately.

I thank John Luxton who has been the Chair since this board was elected. He always put the needs and safety of children first and used his humour to good effect. Being a chairperson is a challenging role and John has led the Board in making difficult decisions. Over the past few months John has worked out of town and had travelled long distances to meetings. I thank him as he had a lot to offer.

One of the really interesting parts of my job is working with Boards of Trustees. I enjoy it and have always worked with Boards that put children's learning at the centre of their decision making. I know that this will continue to be the case at Rototuna Primary School.

Working Bee



A working bee is when a group of people get together on a project. Last Friday we had a great turnout of people to help tidy up the gardens around the front of the school. I was amazed at how many people turned up and how much work they got done. I appreciate how great the front entrance of the school looks. There is another working bee this Friday between 9.00- 11.00am. Come along and help with a bit of gardening and get to know other community members. We will provide the morning tea.

Celebration

Congratulations to the following students who were Spotlighted on Friday:

Piper Scott, Piper is a great Kaikokiri, a risk taker. She has made an awesome start to the year in her learning. She is willing to give new learning tasks a go and has been taking risks in her Maths. Her risk taking has enabled her to be successful at achieving Maths goals.

Dephne Cao, Dephne is an amazing Kaimahi Takitahi, Self Manager. She gets herself organised so that she is ready for her learning tasks and puts her best effort into her learning. She is enthusiastic about learning and has made a great start to the year.

Wian Du Plessis, Wian is a great thinker, Kaiwhakaaro, and communicator Kaiwhakawhiti Korero. He is eager to share his ideas in writing discussions. He puts a lot of effort into thinking about what he could say and makes valuable contributions to discussions.

Sultan Al Bulushi, Sultan has made an awesome start to the year and has been a great Kaimahi Takitahi, Self Manager. He arrives in the class with a smile on his face, ready to learn and gets himself organised for the day. He manages his distractions so he is able to do his best always when completing tasks.

Jack Brownrigg Kaimahi Takitahi, Self Manager

Setting goals and completing tasks independently and to a high standard. Jack settles to work and is a great class member.

Jessica Scothern Kaikokiri, a risk taker.

Jessica has settled into classroom routines with ease. She is able to speak up in class and take risks in her learning. Jessica has set goals in writing and maths and she works to achieve these goals and track her progress.

Kate Woods Kaikokiri, a risk taker. Kate has been able to identify her goals from last year. She has begun to take risks with new goals and she knows where to go for information without the teacher. Kate is able to discuss her ideas within a group with respect, and her contributions in a language play are unique.

Yunho Choi Kaimahi Takitahi, Self Manager Yunho is working super hard in maths and managing his learning tasks. His work is presented well and each day he makes progress in all areas. Yunho does extra work at home and he goes out with Mrs Frewan and writes amazing stories.

Don't forget the P.T.A meeting TONIGHT!



Swimming Sports

These are being held tomorrow at the Fairfield Pool. I wish the 63 competitive swimmers all the best. Children need to have suitable clothing to keep warm between events and some water to keep hydrated. A small snack in their bag will help too.



Bike and Scooter Safety

The school leaders reminded children not to ride their bikes or scooters in the school grounds as this is a safety issue. Cyclists also need to wear a helmet.

Gardening

The Board of Trustees is looking for someone to do gardening around the school. This includes: weeding, pruning trees, spraying and trimming shrubs and trees when necessary. They will also make sure our plant growing unit is working smoothly and may help students plant our young plants. The work is for **10 hours a week** and can be flexible. Please apply via email to Lyn office@rototunaprimary.school.nz

School App

What a great community we have. I am delighted that we now have 727 people who have signed up to the School App. This means that we can quickly communicate with you and that you have access to school information too.

Absences

Please notify the office if your child is going to be absent from school. You can now do this easily by using the App on your phone or leave a message on our absence line 853 2470.

Ice Blocks

The P.T.A will continue to sell lemonade ice blocks on Friday lunchtime. Costs are \$1.00 each.

Guitar Lessons

Complete beginner music lessons are available for Rototuna students in Guitar (7yo+)
Lessons are 30 minutes long and held in the music room next to the school hall.
Structure is in groups of 3-4 students per guitar lesson, fees are \$18+gst for groups
Guitar needed for home practice, we can help with suggestions.
Sessions available for Wednesday during school hours (rotated timetable).

If you would like to chat more - please contact Malcolm on 021 229 8820 or email him at: malcolm.hart@musiqhub.co.nz

Kind regards,

**Mike Sutton
Principal**

Player of the Day

Lanxin Zhang, Mayur Singh, Zac Armstrong, Indie Spalding


GENESIS ENERGY COMPETITION

Our school has been entered into the School-gen's Energising Young Minds competition through Genesis energy. This means we are in for a chance to win either \$25,000, \$15,000 or \$10,000 for our school. The competition works on a voting system which means we need your support to vote for our school using the following link <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool> You can vote once a day up until voting ends on the 2 April. So get behind our school and let's see if we can win our kids an amazing prize. Thanks in advance for your all your support. The PTA team.

Mike's 50 Year Service to Education

On Friday 9 March, we are having a special celebration, starting at 9.30am. It is a celebration to recognise Mike's 50 years service to New Zealand Education. Mike began his teaching career in 1968 and has dedicated the past 50 years to teaching young learners and leading teachers. He has been a Principal for the past 40 years - an absolutely stirring contribution to the leadership of primary schools within New Zealand.

The celebration begins with a pōwhiri where we welcome distinguished guests to our school. The Director of Education for the Ministry of Education-Waikato will be speaking, along with our Board Chairperson, Rob Willets. The students of Room Rimu will be re-telling a story, our Year 6 students will be singing a special song and our Te Reo Maori group will be sing waiata. We look forward to this special event and are extremely proud of Mike, our esteemed Principal.



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Search 'SchoolAppsNZ' to download the app onto your device.
Then search 'Rototuna Primary School' to find your school's app.

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Guitar Tryout

This will be held on Monday 5 March (next week) Malcom Hart and Tim Dent (from Musiqhub) who run our guitar lessons will be having a FREE session. This will be held between 12.30 – 1.25pm. They will provide the guitars and students can see if they would like to learn.

Children will meet at in the Hall at lunchtime



WANT A CHANCE FOR RICHIE MCCAOW TO LAND AT YOUR SCHOOL?

The Fonterra Milk for Schools programme is turning 5! To mark the big occasion, Richie is helping Fonterra and its farmers make a special milk delivery to four lucky primary schools, by helicopter. Nominate your local school, tell us why he should land there and he could be on his way.

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Terms and conditions apply. For safety, Richie will bring regular size milk packs.





St Peter's School/Lincoln University
Demonstration Dairy Farm

Owl Farm Public Open Day

Saturday 10 March, 10am–2pm

A day on the farm

**Owl Farm is located at St Peter's Cambridge,
1716 Cambridge Road, Cambridge.**

Once on campus, signage will direct you to parking areas and the event location.

The Open Day is family friendly and we want to see as many of you on farm as possible, so don't be shy, come along and ask all those dairy farming questions you've always pondered!

Owl Farm is the only North Island Demonstration Dairy farm and is the product of a Joint Venture between St Peter's School, Cambridge and Lincoln University. Owl Farm is committed to demonstrating a sustainable profitable future within dairy farming. We provide genuine educational opportunities and exposure to career pathways within the primary industries to our next generation. We achieve this through working closely with our industry partners Opus, LIC, PGG Wrightson Seeds, DairyNZ, Ballance Agri Nutrients, Fonterra Farm Source and Westpac.

**For any further information regarding the day please feel free to contact
Sheryl Watkins on +64 7 827 9899 Ext 752.**

**We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you on
Saturday 10 March, 10am–2pm.**

Free Admission - All Welcome!

Free sausage sizzle and ice-creams. Coffee available to purchase.

This day promises to be fun for the whole family so
chuck on your gummies and come along for what will
be an awesome day down on the farm.



For more information visit www.owlfarm.nz