



**Rototuna**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HE RAWE MO AKETONU - OUR BEST ALWAYS



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Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

On Monday the children were given a pack that can help you understand their progress and help connect to the homework. The cards show their current goals and these are based on their needs rather than a general level for all.

This is an exciting innovation that links learning at school, opportunities for parents to engage as part of the learning progress, group and individual work that will be done in the classroom, gives students some control over their learning and will be part of the teacher planning and, by the end of next term, the online reporting in real time.

Rototuna Primary School has always endeavoured to engage children in their goal setting and this is the next step in that. We are excited about the innovation and have worked closely with the provider of our student management system to create an easy to manage and informative system. Next term we will hold a meeting to show you what the future looks like at Rototuna Primary School.

Over the past two weeks all of our teachers have done some professional learning to be able to implement and use the system. Last week they also took a small group of students to the session. The children found it very intuitive and quickly grasped the benefit. One summed it up saying "now I know what I have achieved and what I need to do to make more progress". That is exciting. The designer of the computer system was delighted as well as impressed with the students. He took evidence back to the programmers so that they could see the impact.

## **Family Week**

One of the important roles that the leadership team (Kylie Morris, Stacey Lawrence, Tina Anderson and I) has is to manage teacher workload. Our teachers work very hard and are so keen we have to make sure they have a work/life family balance. This year we will have a meeting free week for teachers. The first of these weeks is the current one. It is our hope that they will be refreshed and that everyone will get a better learning outcome.

## **Co-ordination**

Last year the leadership team spent a lot of time reviewing our systems to ensure that they were effective for a school with a large roll. One of the changes that we made was to have a brief catch up of the leadership team at 8.45am every day. This will ensure greater consistency in our decision making and support for teachers and learners. This means that we all try not to make appointments in that slot.

## **Test**

Students in Years 3 to 6 have almost completed the testing programmes that help us in assessment decisions, what student goals need to be set and to give us a guide as to how individual students compare to others of the same age in New Zealand.

## **Celebration**

This Friday we will hold a Special Celebration which will begin at 9.30am. This is to celebrate my 50 years' Service in Education and it is expected to go longer than usual. You are welcome to join us.

## **Thanks**

Thank you very much to those who turned up to support the gardening working bee last Friday. You have helped us get on top of the weed growth. I appreciate the time so freely given.

## **Camps**

On Monday 12 March the Year 6 (Team Kereru) head off to Epworth Camp on the Waikato River. They will be away until late Wednesday afternoon. This camp will be followed by the Year 5 (Team Pukeko) on Monday 19 March.

## **Community Meetings**

As usual I hold meetings for various ethnic groups to talk about education in New Zealand especially at Rototuna Primary. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

Chinese Community	Thursday 22 March	6.30pm in the staffroom
Indian Community	Thursday 22 March	7.30pm in the staffroom
Korean Community	Tuesday 27 March	6.30pm in the staffroom
Maori Community	Tuesday 27 March	7.30pm in the staffroom
Other ethnicities	Thursday 5 April	6.30pm in the staffroom this is a new group for Middle Eastern, South American etc who may have questions about education that you'd like answered. So, circle the date and join me.

### **Swimming Sports**

Thanks to the parents and grandparents who supported our swimming sports at Fairfield College last week. A special thanks to parents who acted as time keepers. I thank Anna Beveridge and Sherrin Jefferies for their organization, and also the staff who helped on the day.

## **Winter Sport Registration**

Registrations for Hockey, Netball and Miniball (Basketball) will open **TOMORROW**, Thursday 8 March at 12 noon. Registrations will close on Friday 6 April at 12 noon.

**There will be NO late enrolments**

### **Junior School Cross Country**

A reminder that the Junior School Cross Country (Year 1 and 2) will be holding their Cross Country at 1.30pm on the 27 March. This is earlier than usual because the school cross country focus is in the winter term and is often hard for young students.

I hope that you can make it. The event is held in the school grounds.

### **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.

### **PTA AGM**

The PTA will be holding their AGM (Annual General Meeting) for 2018 on Wednesday 21 March at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. This will be followed by our normal monthly meeting where we will be discussing fund raising events like our annual trivia night. Both are open to anyone who would like to attend or join the PTA.

### **Plastic bags**

**The sickbay would like donations of plastic bags please.**

### **Ice Packs**

**We are needing ICE PACKS for camp. If you buy My Food bag or similar ....do you have the ice packs that come with them?**

**We would love these donated to school by FRIDAY this week. Please drop them into the school office**

Kind regards,

**Mike Sutton**  
Principal

### **Player of the Day**

Rod Silva, Dahoon Lee, Kelsey Brough, Oliver Killey

### **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.



### **Artz on Show School Holiday**

### **Performing Arts Workshop**

This is a fun yet educational week for students  
aged 5 – 15 years

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes,  
concluding the week with a performance!

23 - 27 April 2018, 9 am – 4 pm daily  
Held at Southwell School

*View our website; [www.artzonshow.co.nz](http://www.artzonshow.co.nz)  
or contact Hayley on either  
[artz@artzonshow.co.nz](mailto:artz@artzonshow.co.nz) or 0800 667 469*

**ARTZONSHOW.**

## **Notice of forthcoming Rototuna Primary School PTA Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

**Rototuna Primary School Staff Room. 7:30 pm**

### **Agenda:**

- Minutes from Previous AGM
- Chairperson's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Principal's Report
- Election of Officers
  - Chairperson.
  - Treasurer.
  - Secretary.
  - Grants officer.
  - Communication Officer.
  - Teacher Representative.
  - Board of Trustees Representative.
- Appointment of Accountant

The current elected members will retire at this AGM but will be eligible for re-election. The current Chairperson, Treasurer, Grants Officer and Teacher Representative have indicated they will not seek re-election. Anyone wishing to stand for the elected member positions should attend the AGM and put forward their nomination. New members will be elected on the night and will take office immediately. Should you wish to nominate yourself for a position but cannot attend the meeting please advise the current committee by emailing to [pta@rototunaprimarieschool.nz](mailto:pta@rototunaprimarieschool.nz) by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

A general meeting will follow the AGM for those who wish to attend.





# WATER & MILK ARE BEST

**CHOOSE EVERYDAY**



## WATER

Water keeps our bodies hydrated

Try naturally flavouring water with seasonal fruit & veggies



## LOW FAT MILK

Calcium in milk helps build strong healthy bones and teeth



**TIP!**

Always carry a water bottle with you, it's easy and can be refilled for FREE!

# FORGET THE REST!

## SWEET DRINKS

High in sugar which damages our teeth, have no health benefits and can be expensive



[www.projectenergize.org.nz](http://www.projectenergize.org.nz)

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## Rototuna Primary School now has a School App!

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and Search 'SchoolAppsNZ' to download the app onto your device. Then search 'Rototuna Primary School' to find your school's app.

School Apps NZ

[schoolappsnz.co.nz](http://schoolappsnz.co.nz)

## BREAKFAST IDEAS

# BREAKFAST SWAPS



Try these quick and easy swaps!

1. Nutrigrain to Weetbix with low fat milk and fruit
2. Coco Pops to porridge with low fat milk and fruit
3. White bread for wholegrain bread

These easy changes are lower in sugar, higher in fibre and better for your body too!



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## 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.

**ENTER NOW AT [RICHIESMILKRUN.CO.NZ](http://RICHIESMILKRUN.CO.NZ)**

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



# **Hamilton Marist Junior Rugby Club**

## **Competition Grades 2018 Teams**

**\*\* Pre-season Skills & Fitness Training \*\***

**Calling all 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Grade Rugby players**

**Sunday Sessions 10am – 12pm at Marist Clubrooms**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Please be there as from these sessions we will be developing**

**the competition grades for the 2018 season.**

**The 25<sup>th</sup> March sessions will be simulated games to create the teams.**

**Also if you are keen to coach or manage a competition team grade team**

**please contact us.**

**Steve Burgess 027 335 8866 or**

**Email [Hamilton.marist.junior.rugby@gmail.com](mailto:Hamilton.marist.junior.rugby@gmail.com)**

**Please remember to bring a drink bottle, boots or sneakers and a great attitude!!**



# the Parenting show **with Pio**

## **BUILDING AWESOME WHĀNAU WITH PIO TEREI**

### **PRESENTATION INCLUDES**

- Giving kids confidence & resilience to problem solve
- Fostering solid foundations that are made up of love and values
- Developing a positive atmosphere in the house

### **FRIDAY, 16 MARCH**

Fairfield Intermediate School Auditorium  
261 Clarkin Road, Fairfield, Hamilton

6.30pm - Doors open. 9pm doors close.  
7-8.30pm - Pio's presentation

Gold coin donation

Light refreshments provided

### **REGISTER NOW**

For registrations and further information please  
contact Maria Marsh – Desert Spring  
Community Centre

Ph. 07 855 2728 or 027 855 2728  
(Office hours 10am – 4pm)

**manaaki whānau**

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### TE RAPA JUNIOR RUGBY

CALLING ALL 9,10,11,12 AN 13 YR OLDS WANTING TO PLAY RUGBY  
WE ARE AFTER A FEW MORE KIDS TO FILL OUR 10<sup>TH</sup>/11<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup>/13<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE TEAMS. IF YOU ARE NEW TO RUGBY OR WANTING TO RETURN  
TO COMPETITION GRADE RUGBY THEN WE NEED YOU

WE HAVE 3 MORE WEIGH INS

ALL 3 ARE AT WAIKATO STADIUM ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 5PM TO 6PM

21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 5PM TO 6PM

28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 5PM TO 6PM

ENTRY FROM FRASER TECH SIDE BEHIND OLD STAND

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

JASON BRYANT 0275938967 or email jcbryant14@yahoo.co.nz

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## **Northern United Football**

If your child is interested in joining  
a local Soccer club head to

[www.northernunitedfootball.com](http://www.northernunitedfootball.com) for muster dates.

These are happening very soon so please do not  
delay making your registrations and decisions.