



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



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Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

Last Friday we had a very special Celebration when the BOT, staff, children and whanau marked my 50 years as a teacher. I was humbled that people had gone to so much trouble to celebrate. For me, the time leading up to the Celebration was a great experience as I reflected on highlights to date. However, the days Celebration was outstanding and I appreciated the artwork, play and singing of the students as well as the powhiri and the speeches. I feel very honored to have reached this milestone at Rototuna Primary. The last 9 years have been real highlights for me.

I thank the Board of Trustees for their speech and for being able to work with them, I thank the Leadership team for their organisation supported by the office staff and Ngahuia Nuri. I thank the staff for their work, the children for their art, singing and drama. Thank you very much to the parents who joined us along with the Ministry of Education staff, my whanau and teacher colleagues. I was overwhelmed.

The hard work of teachers and the achievement and progress of children are some of the rich memories I have of my career to date.

## Home Learning

Our home learning site is back up and available. Thank you for your patience while the issue was resolved with Google.

## Camp

This week the Year 6 students are away at Epworth Camp and NEXT week the Year 5 team will follow them. I know that they will all return with positive memories of this experience. Thanks to the parent helpers who make it possible to run these experiences. Thanks also to the teachers who devote so much time to the planning and implementation.



## Homework

Last week the homework website crashed. In amongst all her other work Kylie Morris has worked exceptionally hard to sort out the issues and upload quite a lot of the support material again. I appreciated the commitment she has made in setting up and maintaining the site so that it is useful for teachers, students and parents.

I also appreciate the feedback that we have had from families who are finding the site so useful in supporting children. Our students are very focused on, and take responsibility for their learning and this is something that will benefit them now and in the future. We do make it possible for children to use school computers from 8.30am to complete or continue with work that they have started as part of classroom learning.



## 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.

## Winter Sport Registration

Registrations for Hockey, Netball and Miniball (Basketball)  
are now **OPEN ON KINDO**.

Registrations will close on Friday 6 April at 12 noon.

**There will be NO late enrolments accepted so don't miss out!**

### **Board of Trustees**

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is on Monday 26 March beginning at 6.00pm in the meeting room in the Administration area. You are most welcome to attend.

### **Bullying**

All schools face issues with bullying from time to time. Our definition of bullying is:

Bullying deliberate – harming another person intentionally, involves a misuse of power in a relationship. It is usually not a one-off event and it can cause harm.

It is NOT a normal part of growing up.

What is important is that the situations are dealt with, the students understand that there are consequences and actions are taken to ensure the safety of children.

We have a strong school wide system of discussing the issue with the child(ren) as soon as possible and that we understand their situation and that they recognise that it is not their fault. We use a restorative approach and work with the child who has bullied a peer. There is always a consequence that is appropriate to the situation and the family is contacted.

We also work with the child who has been harmed and ensure that they have a strategy to keep safe. This usually means that they have a card they give to another teacher or to the office staff indicating that they are concerned.

This is then followed up by one of the Leadership Team.

The Leadership Team meets every day and if there has been an incident this is shared with all along with outcome so that we can support the child too.

We are currently working with the Board of Trustees to develop an up to date policy which will be discussed at that next meeting.

### **Mobility Parking**

We provide 5 mobility parking spaces for people/families who have the correct paperwork. It is ILLEGIAL for people who are NOT entitled to use these spaces. You are denying access to disabled people, students. I have suggested to people who are becoming frustrated with the illegal use of the parks to photograph the culprits and forward to the City Council.

We should be able to avoid thos solution by respecting the law and rights of all.

### **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.

## **WIN WHEN YOU BUY A ENTERTAINMENT BOOK OR DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP**

Pre order and pay for your Entertainment book or Digital membership before the 28 March and you will go in a **draw to win a \$50 gift card**. Just go online to [www.entbook.co.nz/15k4106](http://www.entbook.co.nz/15k4106) to order now. All orders before the 28 March also give you bonus vouchers to use. You could save hundreds of dollars whilst dining out or entertaining the kids and even better with every book sold we raise \$13 for our school. Help the PTA raise money to pay for air conditioning in the school hall.

### **Hockey Year 5 & 6**

Winter sport is approaching and in preparation we are looking to hold some preseason hockey training. To help skills, knowledge of the game and combinations to start before the season kicks off.

This will be for **Year 5 & 6 Players**, there will be 4 sessions, starting on the **22th of March and running until 12th of April**

**3:15 ~ 4:15 pm on the covered court**

If you any questions please call Chad Payne 027 248 1876

I also encourage and hope parents can stay and help, we are looking for referees for the coming season and this can be an opportunity to learn the rules.

See you then  
Chad & Karen

**Kind regards,**

**Mike Sutton**  
**Principal**

### **Player of the Day**

Arnav Chethan, Mason Farquhar



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### **Rototuna Primary School Swimming Results 2018**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Freestyle</b>	<b>Backstroke</b>	<b>Breaststroke</b>
<b>Year 4 Boys</b>	Samuel Wood Hudson Rillstone Jack Stevens	Samuel Oliver Jack Stevens Michael Taylor	Swimmers disqualified due to incorrect technique
<b>Year 4 Girls</b>	Ava Geddes Kelsey Brough Sylvie Kell	Ava Geddes Caitlin Willetts Sylvie Keller	Kelsey Brough Ava Geddes Caitlin Willetts
<b>Year 5 Boys</b>	Ryan Speers Jackson Hay Cooper Smith	Jackson Hay Miller Orr Jimmy Yang	Ryan Speers Oscar Zhang Cooper Smith
<b>Year 5 Girls</b>	Alexandra Hull Kahlea Norris Karli Armstrong	Sophie Carmichael Ellie O'Carroll Karli Amstrong	Lelah Payne Karli Armstrong Holly Gerring
<b>Year 6 Boys</b>	Merrick Rillstone Roy Zhu Matthew Smolenski	Roy Zhu Zayde Horwood Cody Lurman	Merrick Rillstone Roy Zhu Carlos Brough
<b>Year 6 Girls</b>	Jacqueline Li Heidi Liao Holly Proudlock	Jacqueline Li Heidi Liao Isabell McMullan	Jacqueline Li Maia Thompson Valerie de Vries

### **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.



# 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.



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with ALL school  
information!



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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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## CHOOSE EVERYDAY

### WATER

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### LOW FAT MILK

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## 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



7 tsp SUGAR



11 tsp SUGAR



10 tsp SUGAR



5 tsp SUGAR



4 tsp SUGAR

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