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PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

This is the eighth week of term. It is another busy week. By the time you read this Team Pukeko will have returned from their camp. Last week Team Kereru had a very successful experience at their camp.

I thank the 20 parents who supported the teachers in this camp.

Over the year we provide a great number of learning experiences outside the community and all are only possible due to the generosity of parents who give their time. Thank you very much. Our students are very fortunate to have many willing people to give up their time.

P.T.A

If you look around the school it is hard to miss the many pieces of equipment or resources that the P.T.A have helped fund. These include the roof over the covered court, the sun umbrellas, shade cloth over the playground, BBQ tables, large benches and tables close to playgrounds. P E Equipment, sandpit, equipment shed in the junior area, the gardens and seating between Rata and Totara hubs and bins in the Junior area. This is only the tip of the iceberg and another huge area is the provision of iPads in classrooms.

Our P.T.A provides an average of \$50,000 worth of equipment and resources and they achieve this with a few major activities. The major ones are the Quiz Night in term 2 and the Readathon/Spellathon etc in Term 3.

Some smaller activities include 2 discos, ice blocks in team 1 and 4, calendars and diaries etc.

All of these things need people to help out and tonight is your chance to show support and become part of the P.T.A 2018.

There is an Annual Meeting at 7.30pm tonight followed by a meeting.

Bring a friend or two and help this great team continue to support the school so generously. I look forward to seeing you in the staffroom TONIGHT!

Community of Learning

18 schools in our community have been working together over the past 18 months to prepare documentation that shows how they will work together to raise student achievement. I have the honor of leading this group and last week the ministry of Education approved our application. This will result in funding to enable us to have more teachers engaged in leading aspects of learning, doing more research to find out how best to raise achievement and 10 teachers from various schools to provide support to in school colleagues. At present our school and others are still appointing staff to roles. The Principals are all keen to get on with the challenges that have been identified.

Next Week :

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.

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.

Postponement day will be 29 Thursday if needed.

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.

Interschool Swimming Sports Results

Congratulations to the following children who achieved places at the Interschool Swimming Sports yesterday:

Jacqueline Li	1 st Yr 6 Girls Freestyle	3 rd Yr 6 Girls Backstroke	3 rd Yr 6 Girls Breaststroke
Merrick Rillstone	3 rd Yr 6 Boys Freestyle		

Merrick Rillstone, Roy Zhou, Matthew Smolenski, Carlos Brough 3rd Year 6 Boys Relay



Easter

School will close at 3.00pm on Thursday 29 March for the Easter break. Please note that the school Easter break also INCLUDES TUESDAY 3 April – this is for all schools.

School will resume on WEDNESDAY 4 April.

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!

Ice Blocks

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

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 is now available to order! Register and pay ONLINE through LOOP scholastic.co.nz/loop - Scholastics online shop. Orders are due by 28th March 2018.

Players of the Day

Elsa Xu, Jai Cooper, Gemma Hay, Caitlin Willetts, Oliver Killey

WIN WHEN YOU BUY AN ENTERTAINMENT BOOK OR DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP

This is the LAST WEEK to **Pre order** and pay for your Entertainment book or Digital membership to be in the **draw to win a \$50 gift card**. Just go online to **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.

ICAS

The **International Competitions and Assessments for Schools** take place each year in schools throughout New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa. The competitions provide students and teachers with the opportunity to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. The ICAS exams assess higher order thinking and problem-solving skills needed for your chosen exams.

These assessments are available for **children in Year 4, 5 and 6**. They are aimed at students who are above in these areas or demonstrate ability. Please complete registrations via Kindo if you wish your child to participate in the following competition(s).

ICAS Subject	Entry fee for each assessment	ICAS Sitting Date
Science	\$9.50	Tuesday 29th May 2018
Spelling	\$11.50	Wednesday 13th June 2018
Writing	\$20.50	Thursday 14th June 2018
English	\$9.50	Tuesday 31st July 2018
Mathematics	\$9.50	Tuesday 14th August 2018

All students receive a Certificate and an individual Student Report indicating which questions/aspects they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for New Zealand students of the same age. Further information on the competitions can be found on the Educational Assessment Australia website – www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, or by calling, 0800 778 010, or by email at info@eaa.unsw.edu.au. Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Should you wish your child to take part in these competitions, please complete registration and payment via Kindo **no later than MONDAY 16th APRIL**

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY LATE ENROLMENTS

BREAKFAST IDEAS

FRITTATA MUFFINS

- 5 large eggs
- ½ cup cheese – grated
- ½ cup ham - chopped
- ½ onion - finely chopped
- pinch of salt and pepper

Mix eggs in a bowl with salt and pepper. Add ham, onion and cheese to the bowl and mix through gently.

Divide mixture in to muffin tray and bake at 200°C for 15-18 minutes.

Serves approx. 12



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TRUST WAIKATO HAMILTON CITY NEBALL CENTRES

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME for Yr 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
to be held at the
Minogue Park Netball Courts

Monday 16th April & Tuesday 17th April 2018
(9.00am until 4.00pm Daily.)

1 day: \$35.00; 2 days: \$65.00;

(Concession rates of 10% available for two or more children from the same family)



Programme

Day 1: Netball Skills sessions

Day 2: Mini-tournament (prizes to be won)



Players to bring: snacks, lunch, and drink bottle
Please wear suitable clothing (including hat/cap) and shoes

Registration and Payments must be made Online

Register at: www.netballhamilton.org.nz

Payments made to: Hamilton City Netball Centre
03 0318 0664616 00

Please use your child's name as a reference

Closing date for registration and payment
Thursday 12th April 2018

Please note no late registrations and payments will be accepted.
For any further information please email: admin@netballhamilton.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.

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**It's School Holiday Time!!
16th to 27th April 2018**

**Check out our active and fun filled Holiday
Programme at our five fantastic venues:**

**Hamilton Girls' High, Southwell, Te Totara,
Bankwood and Leamington Schools**

We are OSCAR/WINZ Approved

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