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Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

This is the ninth week of term. It is the first of two short weeks either side of the Easter Celebration in New Zealand. School will close this Thursday (tomorrow) 29 March at 3.00pm to start the Easter Break. Friday to Monday are public holidays and the Tuesday after Easter has always been part of the Easter break for all schools in New Zealand. **This means that Tuesday 3 April is also a school holiday. School will reopen on Wednesday 4 April at 9.00am.**

I hope that you and your family have a great break, have some time to rest and time to enjoy each other's company.



Camp

The children in Team Pukeko returned to school last Wednesday having enjoyed a wonderful camp. I thank all the parents who took time off work to help at camp and ensured that our students had a safe and successful learning experience. Camp experiences feature highly in the memories of primary school.

I also thank James Paul, Mel Johnson, Paula McLeod, Danielle Loye, Holly Mackie, Andrea Stephenson and Natasha Stevens who worked very hard. I especially thank Tina Anderson (Assistant Principal) for also supporting the students, teachers and parents at camp.

P.T.A

At the P.T.A Annual Meeting on Wednesday evening Cushla Smithson (Chairperson) and Cass Nelson (Treasurer) stepped down. Cushla has lead the P.T.A over the past four years and has done an amazing job. She has worked hard, supported and encouraged others and has energized the team. I wish her well and thank her for amazing work. Cass has been the treasure over the past two years and has also been a vital cog in the well-organised P.T.A. She has been vital to all the P.T.A has done and I wish her every success too.

New Leader Required

At the P.T.A meeting on Wednesday 21 March they could not find a person to replace Cushla as Chairperson. They need this position to be filled urgently. The P.T.A has functioned well in the past with two people sharing the roll. You have a choice to be a sole leader or a co-leader. The P.T.A committee are a supportive group and will work closely with you. If you want more information you can contact me or Amy King amyandgareth@ihug.co.nz. All organisations need a leader otherwise they cannot function. The P.T.A is a vital part of our school and they provide a great many resources to the school. I look forward to a positive response.

Resignation

I am disappointed in advising you that Mrs Alannah Orr (Room 14) has resigned to take up a position working with children who are blind or partially sighted. She will finish with us on Friday 11 May.

Alannah has been at Rototuna since it opened in 2003. She was a part time teacher after the birth of her children and has been a hardworking classroom teacher for the last few years.

I wish her well as she fulfills a dream to work with children who have disabilities.

We are currently advertising for a replacement teacher.

New Class

We are opening a new class which will be based in the new space in the Manuka Community. The class will be taught by Mrs Donna Lee. It is great to have her waiting on the sidelines to start with our new five year olds.

Spotlight Learners

Alex Kromhout is a kaiwhakawhiti kōrero, a communicator and kaimahi takitahi, a self manager. Alex makes sure that he is organised with his learning materials and is always willing to share his knowledge and ideas with the class during group discussions.

Leeschen Lanka is a kaikōkiri, a risk taker.

Despite his fear of heights Leeschen challenged himself during our camp and went down the flying fox and the waterslide. He even found that he enjoyed it!

Tara Naicker is a kaimahi takitahi, a self manager.

Tara is one of the first to get herself ready for learning and is quick to ask questions that may help her to achieve this. If she has to finish something, she is eager to come in before school to get her work done.

Dhanvi Mittu is also a kaikōkiri, a risk taker.

Like Leeschen, whilst on camp Dhanvi was anxious about trying activities outside her comfort zone. However, she pushed through her fear and was able to challenge herself and achieve going down the flying fox and the waterslide!

Chloe Wilkie is an amazing Kaimahi Takitahi, Self Manager. She puts her best effort into her learning and is always focused on her learning. She is enthusiastic about learning new things and always gives things a go.

Sophie Vare is a kaimahi takitahi, a self manager. She is always ready for learning and works hard to achieve her goals. Sophie puts all her effort into her learning and completes all her work to a high standard.

Luis Jefferies is a kaimahi takitahi, a self manager. He puts so much effort into all his learning to achieve his best. When learning gets challenging he doesn't give up he just puts more effort in. He is excited about learning and loves achieving his writing goals.

Nurie Choi is a kaimahi takitahi, a self manager. He is always so excited about learning and puts so much effort into his work. He gets a new goal and he works hard to learn it, use it and track it in his writing.

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!

Thank You

I thank the parents and grandparents who have turned up to our community meetings over the past week. The Chinese, Indian, Korean and Maori families have all met with me.

Meeting Tomorrow Evening

On Thursday 5 April I will be meeting with any other ethnicity or community group at 6.30pm in the staffroom. I am happy to talk about anything to do with education. So, bring your questions along. The meeting is one hour long and aims to help parents understand the New Zealand education system.

Key Dates for the Next 3 Weeks

Wednesday – Friday	4-6 April	Bikes in Schools programme for Team Kereru.
Thursday	5 April	6.30pm Ethnicities community meeting
Friday	6 April	School Celebration 10.00am
Sunday	8 April	Team Participating in Top Schools competition at Te Kowhai School
Tuesday – Friday	10-14 April	Bike Safety programme for Team Kereru Continues
Tuesday	10 April	Summer Sports Team, Student Leadership photographs in the Hall
Thursday	12 April	Flying Start Group 3 at 1.30pm
Friday	13 April	<u>End of Term School Closes at 3.00pm</u>

School Holidays

It is a bit confusing this year as we have a separate Easter Break from 30 March, and then a week and a half later we have the end of term. School closes at 3.00pm as usual and there's the usual holiday programme at school which you need to be booked in for.

Term 2 will start again on Monday 30 April.

Team Kereru Bike Safely

This is an initiative in association with the Hamilton City Council. It is to prepare the students to ride to school when they are in Year 7. I know that the students will understand that road safety rules and be able to cycle safely to school. Team Kereru students have had notice of this activity.

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 TODAY.

Players of the Day

Nathaniel Loeffen



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16th to 27th April 2018**

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Text **022 0532425**

Photolife Photos

Photolife will be photographing Summer sports teams and Student Leadership groups these will be held **TUESDAY 10 APRIL**
please remember to bring your sports uniform.

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
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Clay Classes

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Click the Classes link to book online for Term 2 at www.waikatopotters.co.nz

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WSA school holiday 16-20 April 2018

School holiday programme Monday to Friday 9am to 12pm 5 to 12 years, \$35 per session or \$150 Monday to Friday
Monday, 16 April, 9am to 12pm Acrylic painting- paint a landscape using mixing, blending and drawing skills.
Tuesday, 17 April, 9am to 12pm Newspaper and watercolour flowers.
Wednesday, 18 April, 9am to 12pm Totem poles- design, pattern and paint individual creations.
Thursday, 19 April, 9am to 12pm Egg carton creation- paint, cut and glue to make amazing things.
Friday, 20 April, 9am to 12pm Explosion art books- create small artworks and assemble these into quirky books. Painted stones- paint patterns, pictures, animals or



WSA Art School, Upstairs ArtsPost, 120 Victoria Street
Hamilton
artschool@wsa.org.nz

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

Developed by
Sport Waikato 2017



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Kiwi Club

Approved

Holiday Programme

Rototuna Primary School Hall 7.15am- 5.30pm

Mon 16 th April	Tue 17 th April	Wed 18 th April	Thur 19 th April	Fri 19 th April
Balloon Day \$40  Balloon crafts, games & competitions	Event Movies at Chartwell \$60.00 Sherlock Gnomes or Peter Rabbit 	Young Engineers Programme \$45 	Hamilton Inline skating \$60.00 	Music Day \$40 Music Lesson, creating instruments and musical games.
Mon 23 rd April	Tue 24 th April	Wed 25 th April	Thur 26 th April	Fri 29 th April
Leap, Mega zone, Lazer trap & bouncy castle. \$68.00 	 Mega Anzac Day learning, crafts & baking \$40.00	CLOSED	 \$68.00 Bring lunch, water bottle, appropriate shoes.	Pj Party \$40.00  Party games & DVDs

Bookings: kiwiclubrototuna.aimyplus.com or

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Registration Closes 13th April 2018

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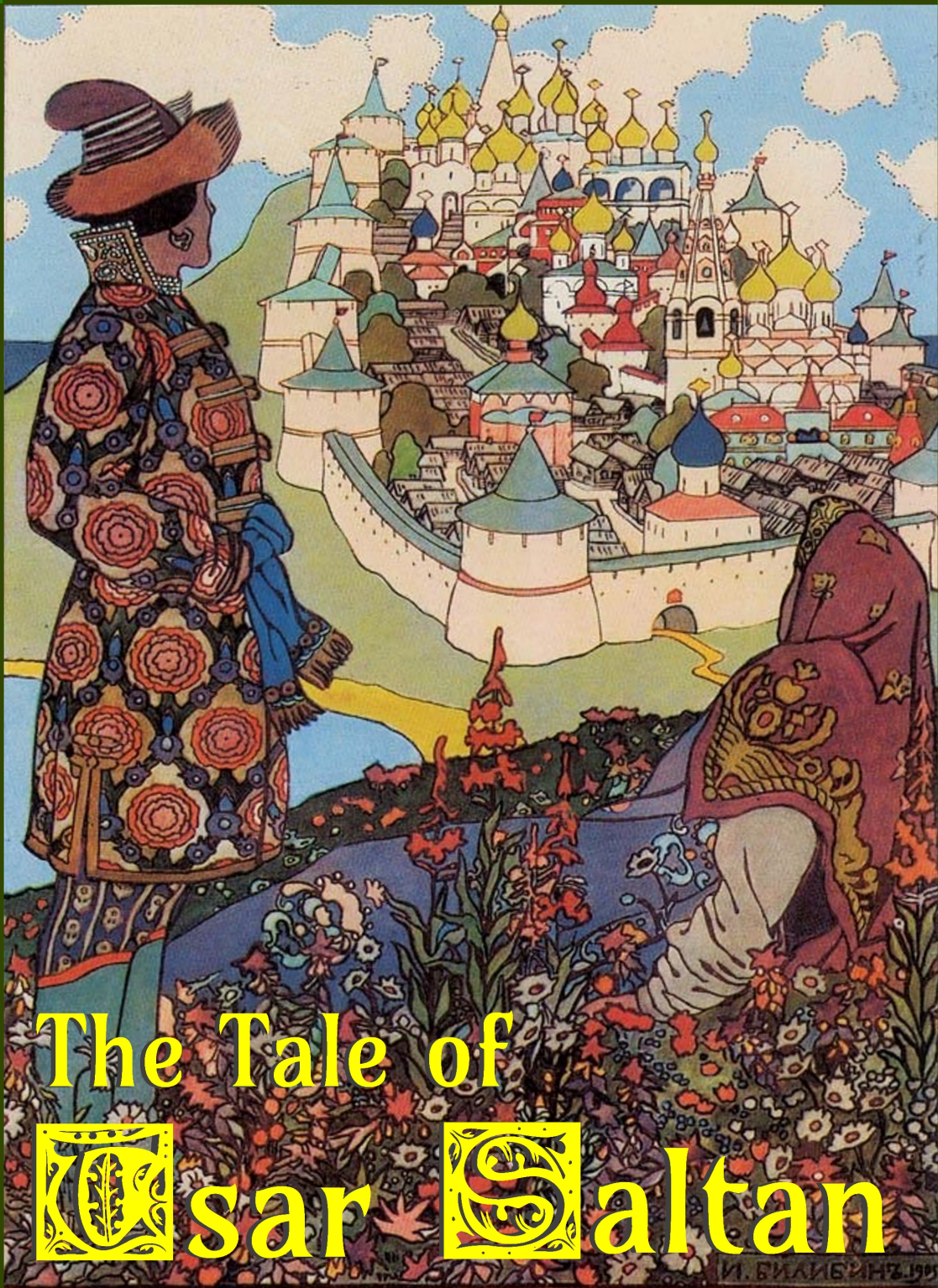
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
By Alexander Pushkin

April 23rd ~ 28th - 10:30am & 1:00pm

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