



Rototuna
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

We are almost to the end of the eleventh and final week of the first term. I am reflecting on a great many successes including the Whanaungatanga day, the Year 5 & 6 school camps, the introduction of the learning goal sheets, the wonderful way parents and whanau support student learning and the hard work that our staff puts in to ensure that all children get the best possible education. Thank you for the ways that you have engaged with us over the first term. I am looking forward to seeing you all again in Term 2 which starts on 30 April.

Holiday

The school term ends Friday 13 April at 3.00pm and school starts again at 9.00am on 30 April. In the break there is the ANZAC day public holiday which commemorates the service of troops in various wars starting from the first ANZAC in 1915. There will be public services which will be advertised.

Advance Notice

Rototuna Primary School will be **CLOSED** for a Teacher Only Day on **FRIDAY 1 JUNE**. This is Queens Birthday weekend so for our students it will be a 4 day weekend as Monday is the official public holiday for this event.

Bike Safety

The Team Kereru Bike Safety in conjunction with the Hamilton City Council continues throughout this week. Children have been telling me that it's been a great success and they have learnt a great deal.

Working to the End

We are working right up to the end of term. This week we will have our mathematics consultant Bruce Moody visiting the school and working with teachers to continue with our high expectations. As a staff we are very fortunate that our Board of Trustees supports and funds lots of professional learning for our school so that our teachers can be the best that they can be.

Board of Trustees News

The Board of Trustees has co-opted Yi Li to join them as a representative of the Chinese community, which is a large group in our school. She joins Rob Willetts, Fiona Bennett, John Luxton, Michelle Bibby, Chris Smith and Sherrin Jefferies as people leading Governance of the school. I am also part of this group.

By Governance I mean that they set parameters for things in school and lead the staff in implementing the guidelines. They do this by policy. They have policies on how finance will be managed in the school and are responsible for making sure we have an appropriate budget. Some staff are delegated to spend some of the funds or check on expenditure. My job is to make sure that the money is spent properly. The school accounts are audited annually by an accountant and the final report is provided to the Ministry of Education.

End of Term 1 Reporting

Teachers have completed Term 1 reports for all students. Parents can access these reports on the @school parent portal. An email has been sent to all parents explaining how to access these reports.

Policies

The BOT have a number of policies and they are available at the office. We are going to upload them to our website soon.

Buildings

Design work has started on the three classrooms that were announced in August last year. There was a delay in the start of this work as the Ministry of Education wanted assessment of how many more classrooms could be placed onsite. For example for our current roll we would need at least 2 more and this will grow as the year goes on.

Extra Teachers

Mrs Alannah Orr has been appointed to a position to work with students in schools who are blind or seriously sight impaired. She leaves us on Friday 11 May. We are interviewing for teachers to have a replacement for her at present. Parents of the students in Room 14 will have that information by the end of term.

Mrs Holly Mackie is going on maternity leave from 25 May. Her replacement is Miss Carla Tracey who is an experienced teacher who is working through her notice at another school before starting here on 28 May.

Mrs Donna Lee will be opening a new class in the extra space attached in Manuka on Monday 30 April. Donna is a regular reliever at this class level. She has opened our new, New Entrant classes for the last few years.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

The next parent teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 9 May 2.00pm-7.00pm and Thursday 10 May 2.00pm-5.00pm. Please note that school **will not** be finishing early as there is too much confusion where children should be. We have decided this in order to ensure child safety.

We will change the break times during the day and then those teachers who do not have classes (Leadership and Reading Recovery Teachers) will supervise all children between 2.00pm and 2.45pm when interviews stop for 15 minutes. Interviews will resume at 3.00pm.

Children will be leaving the grounds from 2.55pm Road Patrol will operate as usual.

To book your interview please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use this code **gk3dw**

interviews are open NOW!

If your child is in Darnelle Robinsons class in MANUKA she will have interviews on : **Tuesday 8 and Thursday 10** as she does not work on Wednesdays.

Farewell

Thanks to Lauri Thorburn who has been working part-time in Mānuka and Room 10 this year. Sadly she is leaving us to work in the family business. I thank her for her work and wish her well.

Update

Many of you will know that Anne Weir is off work at the present time due to ill health. We are not sure when she will return. I know that you will join with me wishing her well.

From the beginning of next term the class will be taught by Lisa Davidson until Anne returns. This will provide continuity of learning for the children.

Gymnastics Term 2

Hamilton City Gym Sports will be holding lunchtime sessions on Wednesdays for Year 0-6 students this is held in the school Hall and is \$70 for 8 weeks starting 9th May – 27th June if you would like to enrol your child please call to the school office for an enrolment form. Please pay **DIRECTLY** to Hamilton City Gymsports. For more information call them on 849 4546

We Need You

A fixed term Teacher Aide Position has become available starting Term 2. This will initially be 5 days a week and drop to 2 days. If you are interested in supporting students at Rototuna Primary please email Stacey Lawrence slawrence@rototunaprimery.school.nz please include a C.V and a brief outline on why you would like the position. These applications need to be received **no later than Friday 13 April 9am.**

Donation Receipts

Kindo is now sending out the receipts you need to claim the tax back on your school donation. If you pay your donation anytime from now through Kindo, you will receive a PDF attachment to your normal Kindo emailed receipt – please print the attachment and hold on to it for your tax return.

Kindo will also be sending out receipts for those of you who have paid a School Donation via Kindo prior to now – please look out for this.

Shortly you will also be able to access copies of these from your Kindo online account (on the 'My Orders' page).

Things to do in the Holidays

There are some wonderful family opportunities in the holidays. These include; walking or cycling along the riverbank or around Hamilton Lake Library activities for children, visiting the museum and cycle tracks around the city. There are paid activities such as the Kiwi Club and Sports Coaching sessions.

Spotlighting

Esmee Hearfield is a Kaiwhakaaro, a thinker and a Kaimahi Takitahi a self manager as she is also focused and organised for learning. She takes pride in her learning and has worked hard to achieved many of her writing goals this term. She was also a Kaikoriri, a risk taker on camp when she overcame her fear of going down the big water slide.

Kellie Hunt is a kaiwhakaaro, a thinker and a kaimahi takitahi, a self manager as he constantly gives his best and is well organised for learning. He has made great progress this term and has been writing some great stories about our class motivations.

Chloe Landon is a Kaimahi takitahi, a self manager as she always makes sure she is ready for learning and is organised with the tools she needs. She is a Kaiwhakaaro, a thinker as she is focused in class and always tries her best.

Calum MacLeod is Kaimahi Takitahi, a self manager as he is often one of the first ready for learning and is always organised with the right materials. He also is a great kaiwhakaaro, a thinker as he often shares his ideas with the class and is always focused. He is a hard worker and always puts in his best effort.

Brea Murphy is a Kaimahi Takitahi, a self manager. She is organised for school each day and is in charge of her own learning. Everything Brea does, she does with a smile. She is also a Kaikoriri, a risk taker as she is eager to give new learning a go and dive into things she is challenged by.

Brianna Wilson is a quiet member of Room 6 who is incredibly focused on her goals, especially in writing and maths. She is so eager to prove her learning each day and this shows in her progress. This makes her a Rototuna Self Manager.

Hannah Cornes has stepped out of her comfort zone and is smashing through her goals in all curriculum areas. She is a Kaiwhakaaro as she is able to think hard about what she is learning and how she can prove it each day. Her confidence has grown and she is excited to take on new challenges.

Tristan-Sage Ludwicki-Waite is a Kaimahi Takitahi, a self manager in his own learning. He is focused, hard working and is quick to ask questions if he needs extra help. Tristan-Sage shows kindness and inclusion towards his peers. He is respectful, caring and always willing to work with others. He is a fantastic Rototuna Learner.

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 for your child to take part in ICAS, please complete registration and payment via Kindo

LAST DAY - MONDAY 16th APRIL
WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY LATE ENROLMENT



ANNUAL CHARITY BOOK FAIR

Where? - Te Rapa Racecourse, Hamilton

When? - Thurs 19 April to Sun 22 April 2018

Opens 9.00 am each day - entry is free

On sale will be thousands of quality

- second-hand books - fiction and non-fiction,
- magazines,
- children's books,
- puzzles,
- games,
- music,
- CDs, DVDs and records.

No plastic bags will be given out this year,
but re-usable bags will be on sale.

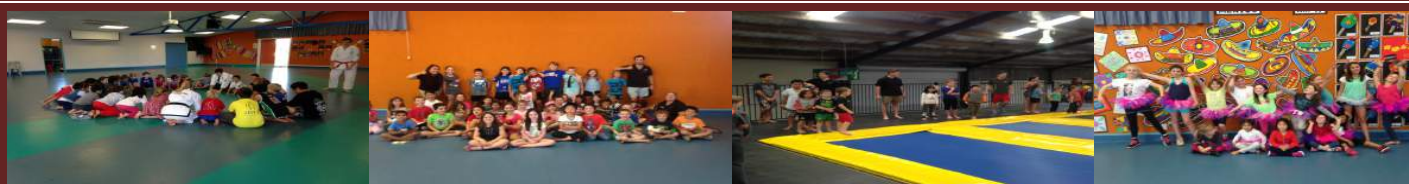
All proceeds to local and international projects.

Clay Classes

Learn how to make cups, bowls, jewellery, animals, and much more in clay with a real artist at Waikato Society of Potters, Seddon Road, Hamilton.

A six week course for 8-13 year olds (younger with an adult) on Sunday mornings between 10.30 and 12.30.

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



Winz, Oscar &
CYF

Kiwi Club

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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	Event Movies at Chartwell \$60.00	Young Engineers Programme \$45	Hamilton Inline skating \$60.00	Music Day \$40
	Sherlock Gnomes or Peter Rabbit 			Music Lesson, creating instruments and musical games.
Balloon crafts, games & competitions				
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		CLOSED		Pj Party \$40.00
	Mega Anzac Day learning, crafts & baking \$40.00		\$68.00 Bring lunch, water bottle, appropriate shoes.	
				Party games & DVDs

Bookings: kiwiclubrototuna.aimyplus.com or

Email: Yuki kiwiclub05@hotmail.com

or 021 2949351

Registration Closes 13th April 2018

April School Holiday Football and Tri Sport Programmes

Ages 5 to 14 years

Various locations in Hamilton and Matamata over both weeks

Full details and to book are on our website <http://waikatofootballacademy.com/school-holiday-programs/> or contact us at waikatofootballacademy@gmail.com if you have any queries

Sickbay

We are in need of boys shorts size 5 – 8 . If you have some to donate it would be greatly appreciated

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



Do your children love to sing? Come and sing with the Tron Songster's Children's Choir! We are a community choir of boys and girls aged 8-13 years old, directed by experienced music teachers Hannah Bryant and Maria Colvin and... We are looking for new singers to join us in Term 2! Choristers have a fun and educational experience, sing a range of musical styles, and work towards a public concert to end the term. Rehearsals at St Aidans Anglican Church, Claudelands. Friday afternoons 4.00-5.15pm during term time. Afternoon tea is included. \$95 for a 9 week term (plus a concert performance) beginning May 2018. Auditions will be held at St Aidan's Church in the first week of May. For an audition time or more information: Email hannahgrace.bryant@gmail.com or call 0212069604.