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PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

Welcome to the fourth week of the term. I hope that it is a great week for you and your family. This week and for some to follow our Muslim families will be marking their important Ramadan season. They fast during the daylight hours. We understand that some of our Muslim students also participate in Ramadan with their parents and wider families.

### **Jury Service**

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, I am on Jury Service this week. It means that I need to be available for Jury Service if called so I cannot guarantee being at school during the day. I will try and catch up with work later in the day. If I am absent Kylie Morris will be the Deputy Principal to contact.

### **Teacher Only Day**

On Friday 1 June there will be a Teacher Only Day. School will be closed for students. This means that the children will have a four day weekend as Monday 4 June is the public holiday set aside to mark the Queen's Birthday. I hope that you can make it a great weekend for your family and whanau.

### **School Donations**

At present schools can seek donations from the community. There is a possibility that this will change next year. For the past ten years or more the school has relied on these donations to help pay for the teacher assistants who work in classrooms. Each group of 3 teachers get the equivalent of 1 day each per week to help them with classroom tasks, to work with children or gather and return resources. These free up a lot of time for teachers that they can put into preparing work or providing extra teaching to children. The teachers really value the support and tell colleagues at other schools how they appreciate the help.

With the introduction of Kindo there has been a 50% drop in people making the donation. We did not mention it last term as we appreciated the costly start to the school year. However, we would appreciate the donation if you can make it. The donation is \$120 per child (\$30 per term). You can make these payments through Kindo or the office. If paid through Kindo, they will send you a tax receipt to claim it back off your taxes.

Thanks for considering this matter.

### **Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees meets next Monday, 28 May at 6.00pm for their usual monthly meeting. Meetings are held in the meeting room.

This year the Board has co-opted two extra members to help with their work and also to better represent the ethnic make-up of our community. After the European community the next two largest groups in the school are Maori and Chinese. The Board has co-opted Mr Niwa Nuri to further represent Maori and Mrs Yi Li to represent Chinese. They are full Board members and participate fully in all decisions and the work of the Board.

The full Board are: Rob Willetts (Chair), Fiona Bennett (Finance), Chris Smith (Property), Sherrin Jefferies (Curriculum), Michelle Bibby (Policies), John Luxton, Niwa Nuri and Yi Li. I am also a member of the Board. The Board sometimes has sub committees which work on set tasks.

### **Changes**

This is the final week of work for Holly Mackie before she leaves on Friday to begin her parental leave. Room 17 will have Carla Tracey as their new teacher from Monday 28 May. Carla was in school last week to meet the students and staff as well as attend an induction programme. We are looking forward to Carla joining us and wish Holly all the best for her new role as mother.

Currently Mrs Ros Ramsbottom is working in Room 14 in place of Alannah Orr who left on 11 May. The permanent replacement for Alannah is Esther Prendergast who will meet the class on 11 June and begin her induction. She will take over the class on 18 June.

Our new entrant intake continues to grow and the current group taught by Donna Lee will soon be at the maximum of 20 children. The next new entrant class will start on 12 June and will be taught by Maria Revell. It will be based in the Kahikatea hub.

### **Whole School Celebration**

This Friday we will hold the next whole school celebration beginning at 10.00am. I hope that you can join us for this event. It will be lead by Room 18 and and Room 5 will also share some of their work. The children from Room 21 will also present a digital report on what's been happening at school over the past fortnight.

### **Thanks**

My thanks to the PTA for the wonderful Disco they ran last Friday night. Thanks to those who helped including some of our former pupils. My thanks to the staff who supported the PTA in running the sessions. We are fortunate to have such a supportive group of parents and teachers.

### **Trivia Night**

Have you organised your team to participate in the PTA Annual Trivia Night on Friday 8 June? It's a great event and costs \$160 for a table of 8. The theme is 'Out of the Pages' so you can select characters from any book.

There will be a prize for the best dressed team!!

The event begins at 7.00pm and finishes at 11.00pm. There will be raffles, an auction and heaps of fun as you try to beat our quiz questions.

If you haven't got a full table check with the PTA as there may be others who want to benefit from your talent.

### **New Entrant Parent Meeting**

If you are new to the school and have a five year old, you will shortly receive an email inviting you to a New Entrant Parent information evening on Wednesday 30 May at 6.00pm. It will be held in the staffroom. It is a one hour meeting and the teaching team from Manuka hub will be present with me to talk about our school. Parents of new entrant children yet to start this term in Manuka will be invited too.

### **Student Absences**

Please ensure you contact the **office** for any absences if your child is away or will be late to school due to an appointment. This can be done via the school app or phone the office directly on 853 2470. When we have not heard from families, a text alert is sent to advise that your child is absent. It is important to respond to this message with an update. It is also important to keep the office up to date if your mobile number changes. As per Ministry of Education guidelines, if school is not advised as to the whereabouts of your child they will be marked as truant.

### **Term 1 Photos: Summer Sport Teams and Student Leadership Groups**

These photos are now ready to order with PhotoLife [www.photolife.co.nz](http://www.photolife.co.nz)

The shoot keycode (which is unique to your child) should have come home with your child last week. Please check with your child or their teacher if you have not received it. The free delivery to school period expires at midnight on 3 June. If you order after this date, photos will be delivered to your home address with an extra postage charge.

### **Term 2 Photos**

**29 May:** Class & Individual Photos (all students will be photographed)

**30 May:** Winter Sport Teams – bring uniform and relevant footwear (bring hockey socks – no shinpads)

Siblings – **see office for sibling photo request form before photo day**

Please note: We are sorry but due to our high student numbers we cannot continue to accommodate sibling photos with pre-schoolers. Siblings must be current students of Rototuna Primary.

**Player of the Day** *Team Managers: email player of the day to [reception@rototunaprimery.school.nz](mailto:reception@rototunaprimery.school.nz) by midday Tuesday:*  
Ashley Buckley, Talia Russell, Eric Zhang, Crystal Burgess, Shanshan Fu, Fiona Li, Kelsey Brough, Katelynn Dormer.

### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Order now and our PTA thanks you for your purchase and supporting our fundraiser.

<http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15k4106>

Regards,  
Mike Sutton  
Principal



# Trivia Night - Fri 8 June

Come and join the fun at our Annual Trivia Night, brought to you by Rototuna Primary School PTA with our main event sponsor Harcourts!

This year's theme is 'Escape from the Pages', so grab some friends for your table of eight, book the babysitter and dust off those book related costumes. And everyone attending has a chance to win the exciting **\$500 travel voucher from Memento Group!**


Supper is provided and a cash/efpos bar is available. Trivia Night is always very popular and often sells out, so don't hesitate, book your table NOW! Tickets for your table of eight are \$160 and can be purchased via Kindo or by emailing [pta@rototunaprimarv.school.nz](mailto:pta@rototunaprimarv.school.nz).

Don't have a full table? This year we have a "community table" available - if you have four or less team members we can place you on this table with fellow quiz goers for \$20pp - to book on this table email [pta@rototunaprimarv.school.nz](mailto:pta@rototunaprimarv.school.nz)

We look forward to seeing you at the Escape from the Pages Trivia Night!"

**Harcourts** & Rototuna Primary PTA  
proudly present

# Escape *from* the **Pages** Trivia Night



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 7pm**  
**Tickets On Sale NOW**  
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*Prizes for Best Dressed*

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## We Need Your Help

This year the Trivia Night will be held on Friday the 8th of June at 7.00pm and the theme is Escape From the Pages! We are looking for volunteers to help out. As this is a big function we need as many people as we can get. We need...

- Help setting up the hall on the day from about 11am onwards. Any amount of time you can give would be much appreciated.
- Help on the night from 6:40 until we finish. Jobs include kitchen helpers (this job involves preparing the food platters), wait staff (for this job you will need to deliver supper, collect answer sheets, sell mystery balloons and raffles and clear tables) and bar staff.
- Help at the end to tidy up. It promises once again to be a fun night!

If you can help with any of these jobs please email [pta@rototunaprimarv.school.nz](mailto:pta@rototunaprimarv.school.nz)



# TRIVIA NIGHT

## ART AUCTION

EACH TEAM THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL HAVE  
CREATED A PIECE OF ARTWORK WITH THEIR STUDENTS

 <b>TEAM Kakapo</b> Rm 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16.	 <b>TEAM Kea</b> Rm 1, 2 & 4
 <b>TEAM Pukeko</b> Rm 17, 18, 19, 20, Totora & Rimu Hubs	 <b>TEAM Tui</b> Manuka
 <b>TEAM Kereru</b> Rm 21, 22, 23, 24 & Tawa Hub	 <b>TEAM Kiwi</b> Rm 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10
 <b>TEAM Weka</b> Rm 3, 25, 26, 27, 28 & 29	

ARTWORK WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VIEW AND  
\*SILENT TENDER BID ON IN THE  
OFFICE FOYER

FROM  
**4TH - 8TH JUNE**

FINAL BIDDING ON ARTWORK WILL BE AT OUR  
TRIVIA NIGHT, ON THE 8TH JUNE  
MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR TEAMS TOGETHER.

\*BIDDING CONDITIONS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE OFFICE FOYER

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Martial arts training for children, teens and adults of all ages. **First lesson free.**

Monday -

6.00 to 7.00pm. – This family class is suitable for beginners of all ages including teens and adults

Wednesday -

5.30 to 6.30pm – This class is suitable for beginning students Age 4 – 11

6.30 to 7.30pm – This class is suitable for beginning students Age 12, including teens and adults of all ages.

Phone or text Marie Thom 027 497 0499 or check our website [www.tkma.co.nz](http://www.tkma.co.nz) for more details.

SPORTS NUTRITION

### SMART SWAPS FOR SPORT

<b>Lollies</b> 	<b>Scroggin</b> 	<b>Sports Drinks</b> 	<b>Water with fruit</b> 
<b>Chocolate bar</b> 	<b>Half banana or sandwich</b> 	<b>Pie</b> 	<b>Wrap</b> 

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Escape from the Pages Trivia Night

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