



**Rototuna**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

Welcome to the final three days of Term 2. It has been a busy term for students and parents. Over the last few weeks we have had class trips to Otorohanga and Te Awamutu, three days of Marae experiences for our Year 4 students, the Art Day last Friday and today the Year 3 children are presenting their show. These are all great experiences and demonstrate the learning provided at Rototuna Primary which includes all of the creative, culture, science and technology areas. All of these exciting opportunities also require support from whanau (family) Kiako (teachers) and akonga (students). I thank all of these people and children for their engagement and support. I hope that all of these experiences stay in the children's memories for years to come. I particularly thank the parents who supported these experiences because without you the events could not take place.

## **Whanau Meeting**

There is one final event before the end of term when a huge number of whanau and akonga get together at 6.00pm Thursday evening. This is to show the children their iwi that they belong to and for the adults a chance to mix and mingle with whanau from other iwi. The children will be in the Hall and parents in the staffroom. I thank Ngahua for the organisation she has put into the event.

## **Art**

We had another wonderful creative art day last Friday where children learned a great deal of new art skills and had an opportunity to work in a group of children from Year 1 to 6. They also had the chance to work with siblings. As the Leadership team moved around the groups we saw great examples of tuakana-teina. This is a Maori concept where the older ones (tuakana) support/help the younger ones (teina). There was a tremendous spirit in the school. I acknowledge the huge work of Karen Lovell who set up the groups, purchased extra resources and supported the teachers. The success of the day was in no small way a credit to Karen and her organisation.



## **Paid Union Meeting**

Recently the teachers joined colleagues nationally in attending paid union meetings to press their case for a pay increase. Fortunately we do not have these interruptions very often to learning at our school.

It was a concern that over 100 children were not picked up at 1.00pm. In fact the last children were met by family at 3.10pm. It was disappointing as these meetings had been advertised in the newsletter 3 times in the weeks leading up to the meeting, this had also been backed up by email messages to all families along with school app alerts to all families.

The office staff worked really hard to try and contact parents which meant they could not get on with their usual administration work.

We are reviewing how we can avoid this happening again.

It is important that you supply CURRENT contact details so you are kept informed. If your email has changed please email [reception@rototunaprimarv.school.nz](mailto:reception@rototunaprimarv.school.nz) to update your details.

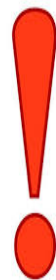
## **Buildings**

While there is still some time to go before work will start on our 10 new classrooms it was good to meet with the architects last Friday as they toured the school to look at the site and how parents and children moved around the buildings at 3.00pm. It's great to see the process has started.

## **Marae Experience**

Last week I was fortunate in being able to be part of the welcome on each of the 3 days our class groups visited Maungatautari Marae. The people of Maungatautari belong to Ngati Kōroki Kahukura iwi and were great hosts and teachers. They also told me how great our students were when they stayed at the marae.

I thank Anna Beveridge and her team of teachers for all their work. I also thank Ngahua Nuri and Tangiwai who helped the children learn about weaving flax, when they returned from the Marae. The flax the children used was from plants, planted by students in previous years.



### **Changes**

Last week I informed you that Darnelle Robinson is leaving us for a year for the birth of her next child. I also talked to you about Stephanie Moloney winning a new permanent teacher role at Hamilton West. I can tell you that Darnelle will be replaced by Amy Buick, who has been doing a lot of relieving at our school. Stephanie will be replaced by Nicola Greene who is returning to work after twelve months maternity leave. Both teachers are very experienced. Nicola will work Monday to Thursday and the children will be taught by Rochelle Porteous on Friday. We try to support young mothers in their return to work.

### **Welcome**

On Monday 23 July our first day back at School, we will welcome Amy Buick and Sarah Thomassen to our school with a whahatau (a welcome ceremony). It is our practice to welcome new staff as it is a custom of Maori including our local iwi (ngati Wairere) and the Ministry of Education. We will also welcome a group of New Entrants.

### **Roll**

On July the 1 or thereabouts every year the Ministry of Education collects data roll numbers and ethnicities. The roll numbers are to assist them in staffing schools for the next year and to also get data about enrolment trends. Our roll this year was 898 (including 15 international fee paying students). The breakdown of the ethnicities shows that we have 45% European, 16% Maori, 28% Asian (including 13% Chinese) as well as 1% Pacific Island and Middle Eastern, African and Central/South Americans. Our school has a rich range of ethnicities.

### **School Holidays**

School will close this Friday, 6 July at 3.00pm for a two week break. The third term will start at 9.00am on Monday 23 July. I hope that you can find time to spend with family over the holiday break.



### **Trivia Night Funds Raised**

Another huge thanks again to our amazing sponsors and everyone who came to the 2018 Trivia Night.

The PTA are thrilled to report we made a profit of **\$12,299.87!**

This money will be used towards providing **Creative Play Spaces** for our children. Last night's PTA meeting discussed planning for this - if you're interested in more details or are keen to be involved in this process flick us an email at [pta@rototunaprimarary.school.nz](mailto:pta@rototunaprimarary.school.nz). Otherwise watch this space for further details!

### **Moving Class**

This Friday the current Room 3 class taught by Mrs Jen Harvey are moving to Kowhai hub where they will be for the rest of the term. Parents of children in that room please check in with Jen to see if there is something you can do to help the move and set up the new classroom. Please remember to update your childs room number to Kowhai on Kindo and Lunch Orders.

A new Year 1 class made up from students from Mānuka will be taking over Room 3 from the beginning of next term. Mrs Sarah Thomassen will be the new teacher. Please remember to update your childs room number to Room 3 on Kindo and Lunch Orders.

### **Senior Band**

If your child is in the Senior Band they will receive a notice on Thursday to inform you of the trip to the Waikato Primary/Intermediate Symphonic Band Festival. Students in the Senior Band will travel to Te Awamutu Intermediate on Thursday 16 AUGUST with Miss Hazlehurst and Mrs Anderson. Students will need to wear black pants and will be issued with a Rototuna Primary School shirt. Students will meet at Rototuna at 8.15am and depart by bus.

The cost of this trip will be \$12.00. Please pay via KINDO

### **Farewell**

We farewell Stephanie Moloney and wish Darnelle Robinson all the best. Both have contributed a great deal to Rototuna Primary school

### **Whole School Celebration**

On Friday 6 July we will hold our final Whole School Celebration for term 2. It will be at 10.00am. A special feature will be the senior band presenting two items that they are working on for the annual band competition next term (16 August). The Celebration will be led by Rimu Hub students they will be joined by students in Room 27 and also Room 12 who will present a digital roundup of the past events.

I hope you can join us this Friday.

### **Lost Property**

There is a worrying amount of lost property in the blue bins inside the Hall door. We will put it out again on Friday. Please encourage your children to look through it too. Any unclaimed property will be sent to a charity on Monday 9 July. If you are in the school for any reason please look in the bins as you are probably better at searching!!!



### **What to do in the Holidays**

Hopefully there will be some good weather ideal for walking around the Lake or along the river banks. They are good places for children to cycle as is the cycle track by Lake Karapiro. The Arts Post and Museum are also good places to entertain children. Many of the Hamilton City Councils libraries also have activities for children. The Hamilton Gardens are an outstanding place to have fun and appreciate the various themed gardens.

The school courts are open, although the holiday programme uses these at times during the day.

I hope that you have a wonderful holiday.

**Regards,  
Mike Sutton  
Principal**

### **Player of the Day**

Lightening Netball whole team, Tamsyn Monrad, Gabriel King, Brylie Blake, Michael Taylor, Elsa Xu







# ENERGIZED CROSS COUNTRY



**3.30–4.30pm**  
**Monday 30 July, 6, 13, 20 August 2018**  
 Porritt Stadium

Suitable for ages 8-12 who are keen to be coached in running and racing for cross country  
 What to bring: shoes, drink bottle, light clothing

**Coaching and Racing**

For more info contact Dianne - [dianner@sportwaikato.org.nz](mailto:dianner@sportwaikato.org.nz), 021 626 493  
 Register through Sport Waikato website - [www.sportwaikato.org.nz](http://www.sportwaikato.org.nz) and go to the date in the calendar. Limited to first 50 registrations

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## Fairfield Intermediate School Information Evening and Open Days for New Enrolments 2019

Information Evening	Tuesday 15 August 2018 @ 7.00 pm in the School Auditorium. Classrooms will be open for you to visit after the initial welcome and introduction.
Open Days	Wednesday 22 August 2018 Wednesday 29 August 2018 From 9.00 am to 2.30 pm on both days, tours of the school will take place.

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## Trivia Night



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