



Rototuna
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Tena Koutou Katoa,

Nau mai, haere mae kit e wiki o te reo maori.



Greetings to you all,

Welcome to Maori Language Week. Maori is one of New Zealand's three official languages, the others being English and Sign Language. You may have noticed or heard te reo Maori being used more in the media as we focus on valuing Maori language. There are many Maori words that have become part of the vocabulary that many citizens of New Zealand use every day eg: whanau (family) kai (food) Kia ora (hello) tamariki (children) te kura (the school) hui (a meeting). How many kupu (words) do you know? How many phrases do you know? Maybe it's something you should ask your children this week. Ka Kite is a phrase that means goodbye. Have you seen this around our school?

Parent Teacher Interviews

This is an important week as most of you have the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss the progress your children(ren) has/have made this year. You get the most out of the interview if you come along with questions that you would like answered. You can also check in to Spotlight and see the goals that your child covered this year. Is that good? What do they need to achieve before the end of the year? It's good to write these down so that you remember and make the best use of the 15 minutes to discuss your child.

Next term you will receive the final written report at the beginning of the final week. There should be no surprises if you have reviewed your child's progress at interviews.

School will close at 2.50pm on both Wednesday and Thursday and road patrols will be as usual.

Interviews will start at 2.00pm and ALL children will be supervised by the Leadership Team, teachers who do not have classes and any reliever who has been working in the school that day. It will be difficult to try and collect your child after an interview, because if it is fine the children will be outside playing. If it is wet there will be supervision in the Hall.

Lost Property

We are into week 8 of this term which means that there are 11 or 12 days until the end of term on Friday 28 September. While you are here for interviews it would be a good idea to check the overflowing lost property bins in the Hall. It is amazing how much unnamed property is in the bins. We do not like having to give it to charity at the end of term but that is what has to happen because we do not have the storage space to continue to hold it. Happy Hunting.

Celebration

This coming Friday 14 September is the next whole school Celebration. It starts at 9.50am so that we can get students back to class for the morning break at 10.30am. This week the Celebration will be led by students from Room 14 and Room 2 will share work along with Tawa Hub will be sharing a digital presentation.

I look forward to you joining us.

Winter Sports Day

Weather permitting there will be a Winter Sports day held at Southwell School beginning at 9.30am. We have teams of Touch, Football, Hockey and Netball participating. The students are from year 5 and 6 only. Notices have already been sent home please ensure you have paid on KINDO.

There will be NO postponement day.

Wearable Arts

On Thursday 20 September the Year 4 tamariki are presenting their wearable art programme starting at 6.30pm. They have been busy recycling materials to make elaborate costumes.

The tamariki are very excited and have created many interesting costumes. Last chance for tickets on Kindo – selling fast!

Board of Trustees

The next Board of Trustees meeting is on Monday 24 September beginning at 6.00pm in the Admin Meeting Room.

Scholastic Book Orders

If you ordered Scholastic books they will be sent home on **FRIDAY**.

Update from The Board of Trustees

The Process to appoint a new Principal is underway and we have appointed an external consultant, Spencer Baty, to ensure that we have a robust process in place to select the Principal.

The process starts today with all parents being sent an email inviting them to complete a survey to identify what attributes and skills they believe is required from a Principal of Rototuna Primary School. Please take the time to complete the survey and provide the Board with feedback. **Please check your INBOX tomorrow for the LINK to the survey.**

The feedback we receive from the parents, management team and staff will help us to develop an application pack for candidates, that is tailored to the requirements of Rototuna Primary School.

The role will be advertised during the month of October, with shortlisting occurring early in November. The Board will be interviewing the short listed candidates and they will be conducting school visits during November. By early December the Board expects to be able to announce the successful candidate.

Professional Development

As a school we work really hard to provide quality professional development for our staff so that they can be the best possible teachers. This is a target for our Board of Trustees. The major focus is on developing literacy skills in the classroom. There is a smaller focus on helping development knowledge about Maori. This week we are also hosting Bruce Moody who is a Maths consultant. He visits 2-3 weeks every year to make sure we maintain our high expectations in mathematics. He will be in some classrooms in the last week of the term.

School Holidays

School closes for the end of term at 3.00pm on Friday 28 September.

Enrolments

We **will not** be taking out of zone enrolments next year, just as we haven't done so for the past 3 years. There are a tiny number who already have siblings in the school and are admitted. Our total number of out of zone is falling and it will continue to do so.

New Enrolments

We are into the planning process for 2019 and are organising classes. If you have a child who is turning 5 in 2019 please enrol now so that we have an idea of how many new entrants we will be catering for in 2019. If you have friends who have a first child starting at our school in 2019 please advise them to enrol now!

Generally we have 120-130 new five year olds joining us but our enrolments for next year do not indicate that number yet. We also allow space for around 120 enrolments from families who move into the zone during the year. We have had just over 100 to date. We try to factor it in to our planning but it's not as easy as we cannot predict the number at each class level.

Ka kite

Ko Mike Sutton, te tumaki ahau

Dough Raiser with Dominos

For every pizza sold between 5 - 8 pm on Thursday 20th September at Domino's Rototuna, Domino's will generously donate \$1 to our school. This is a great way for our community to support our school, and have a delicious night off cooking too!
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Wearable Arts Year 4 - 20 September at 6.30pm - Rooms 11,12,13,14,15,16

Tickets are now available on KINDO there are **limited numbers** so get in quick!

Cricket

Register for Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Cricket teams on KINDO NOW! **Limited places available!**

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We have two Child Care Assistant vacancies at our after school care at Rototuna Primary School.

We are looking for a vibrant, creative person who could join our team seamlessly; they must have experience working with children, a first aid certificate would be an advantage and be able to work Mon-Fri 2.40-5pm. We are looking for a person who can bring something special to our program.

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School Hall**

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