

**Rototuna**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HE RAWE MO AKETONU - OUR BEST ALWAYS



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Dear Parents, Whanau and Carers,

This is the final week of term three. We finish school at 3.00pm this Friday 26 September. I hope that it is a relaxing time for parents and students alike. It will be the start of daylight saving this weekend, I hope that our akonga are adjusted to the new times when they return to school on Monday 15 October.

## Wearable Arts Show

Last week Team Kākāpo demonstrated all the arts skills and their confidence in themselves as they shared the runway to show some outstanding costumes. Their message to recycle came through with passion and commitment.

I congratulate the teachers/ Kaiako and students/ākonga on their hard work over the term. They have introduced a new experience to our school. Thanks to the parents and teachers of other levels who supported their colleagues.

## Chinese Language Week

This week marks Chinese Language week and I acknowledge the large number of students who use this language in our playground. It is so important that all children retain other languages they are fortunate to know.

I am pleased that all of our Year 6 students get an introduction to Mandarin every year due to a partnership we have with Fairfield College.

## Sport

Last week was a great week for interschool sport. On Tuesday many Year 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to compete with the other schools in the Fairfield area. Teams represented us in Netball, Hockey, Football and Rippa Rugby. I visited Southwell and saw the akonga thoroughly enjoying a day of sport in the warmth of a spring day.

On Thursday we also had teams competing in the Regional Finals of Gymnastics, Hip Hop and Cheerleading. Thanks to parents and teachers who provided the support and transport. Congratulations to the Cheerleading Team who finished up runner up in their competition.

## Farewell

At the end of the term we say farewell to Donna Lee and Amy Buick. Donna is heading off to begin professional development in readiness to be one of the foundation staff at Te Ao Māmāra which opens next year.

Amy is heading off to do some travelling but we hope to see her back to do some relieving. I thank both Donna and Amy for their work and wish them well.

There are some familiar faces returning to work in Mānuka. Kafula Olsen returns from parental leave, Nicole Drinkrow has agreed to work full time this term and Vanessa Matai'a returns from leave to work in the team too. It's great that we have 3 people who know our school well. Vanessa will start a new class and will provide extra support to work with the new entrants and take groups from other teachers in the team dependent on her class growth and numbers.



## Spell-a-thon

In the first four weeks of next term we are holding a school wide Spell-a-thon to raise funds for more ipads in the Year 0-3 and chrome books in the senior area.

The words will be issued at the beginning of term. Sponsorship forms will be sent home Week 1 Term 4.

There will be prizes for the most money raised by an individual, the best junior class and senior class. There will also be a number of spot prizes donated by Noel Leeming.

Your child will be given all the Spell-a-thon information early NEXT term.



## Leadership Rolls for 2019

Information has been given to students in Year 4 and 5 regarding Leadership Roles for 2019. There are a variety of these for both year groups.

For **Year 5 ONLY** there is a form for students interested in becoming a school leader (12 positions ONLY).

All forms will need to be completed and returned to the box in the school office

**NO LATER THAN Friday 19 October 1.30pm.**

We cannot accept late forms.

### **Whole School Celebration**

The final Celebration for Term 3 is on Friday 28 September beginning at 9.50am. You are most welcome to attend. The Celebration will be led by Room 11, Manuka 1 and Manuka 4 will be sharing while Room 20 will be doing a digital presentation.

### **Mobility parking Spaces**

I am pointing out to you that there are rules about using a mobility parking space. There are nation-wide rules about using mobility parking spaces.

The following particularly apply to using the five spaces at Rototuna Primary School.

- **The permit must be displayed clearly and be up to date**
- Only the permit holder can use the space
- **The parking permit can only be used if the holder is getting out of the vehicle**
- If a person wishes to wait in their car they need to park in an ordinary space
- A permit cannot be loaned to another person



### **Important Dates in October**

Monday	15/10	TERM 4 BEGINS SPELL-A-THON STARTS
Tuesday	16/10	Parent Information meeting for the Chinese community beginning at 6.30pm in the Staffroom Parent information meeting for the Indian community beginning at 7.30pm in the Staffroom Selected students will attend a commemoration ceremony of the NZ Land Wars 1864 at Fairfield College
Wednesday	17/10	P.T.A meeting in the Staffroom at 7.30pm
Thursday	18/10	We will participate in a Nation Wide Earthquake Awareness Drill just after 9.00am
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22/10</b>	<b>Labour Day This is a public holiday and school will be closed</b>
Tuesday	23/10	Rooms 25,26 and 27 will visit the Farm Yard set up in our school grounds. Please pay via KINDO Parent Information meeting for the Korean community in the staffroom at 6.30pm Whanau meeting in the staffroom at 6.30pm
Wednesday	24/10	Selected Students attending the Amazing Race
Thursday	25/10	Rooms 28, 29 & Kowhai will visit the Farm Yard setup in our school grounds. Please pay via KINDO
Friday	26/10	School Celebration 9.50am
Monday	29/10	The Farm Yard will be visited today by Team KEA Room 1,2,4. Please pay via KINDO 6.30pm Board of Trustees Meeting in the meeting room
Tuesday	30/10	9.30am Year 3 and 4 Athletics at school (More information to follow)
Thursday	1/11	Postponement Day Year 3 and 4 Athletics 6.00pm Rototuna School Cultural Evening in the Hall

### **P.T.A Meeting**

The first Meeting of the P.T.A next term is on Wednesday 17 October at 7.30pm. They are organising ice block sales and the upcoming disco.

## **LAST CHANCE to purchase on KINDO**

The PTA have an exciting new fundraiser, which is great for the environment and great for our school! We're selling reusable produce bags and stainless steel straws. All profits (40%) will be used to buy more plants for our school AND you get to feel good knowing you're eliminating more plastic from the environment! The bags and straws are on display in the office. Simply place your order (and that of your friends and family) on Kindo before the end of term (28<sup>th</sup> Sept) and you'll receive them the first week back next term. \$22.50 for a 5 pack of mixed coloured reusable produce bags and \$12.50 for a twin pack of stainless steel straws with cleaning brush.



## Term 4 Tennis @ Rototuna Primary School

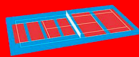
Start Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October for 7 Weeks



### Red Kiwis

Children use 25% compression red balls that bounce lower, slower and are much easier to hit! Children play on 3m or 6m wide courts.

Recommended racquet size is 21 - 23 inches.



Friday: 3.15pm-4pm

Cost: \$55 for 7 week block of lessons

#### Note:

All equipment provided.

#### Ages:

5-7 year olds

### Orange Kiwis

Children use 50% compression orange balls and play on regular courts with reduced length and width.

Recommended racquet size 23 - 25 inches.



Friday: 4pm-5pm

Cost: \$75 for 7 week block of lessons

#### Note:

All equipment provided.

#### Ages:

8-10 year olds

### Green Kiwis

Children play on full sized courts using 75% compression green balls.

Recommended racquet size is 25 - 27 inches.



Friday: 5pm-6pm

Cost: \$75 for 7 week block of lessons

#### Note:

All equipment provided.

#### Ages:

9-12 year olds

To register please visit [www.kiwitennis.co.nz](http://www.kiwitennis.co.nz) or for more information please contact Pete Hoyland on [pete@kiwitennis.co.nz](mailto:pete@kiwitennis.co.nz)

### Recreation @ The Peak

Want your holidays to be action packed full of sports? Then check out the school holiday programme at The Peak. Our programme caters for kids aged 5-13 running 7.45am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday with various themed days throughout the week. Facility days cost \$42.00, with trip days costing \$55.00. Contact Shane at [recreation@thepeak.co.nz](mailto:recreation@thepeak.co.nz) for more information or check out [www.thepeak.co.nz](http://www.thepeak.co.nz)

### Things To Do

Often people are stuck for things to do in the holidays.

- Walks around the Lake
- Biking Along the River Banks or Cycleways
- Walks on Mt Pirongia
- Hamilton Gardens
- Libraries
- Waikato Museum
- The Arts Post

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Ko Mike Sutton,

Have a safe and wonderful Holiday

LABEL READING

## TRY THESE QUICK FRUIT MUFFINS

- 1 c flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 c oats
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/3 c sugar
- 1/4 c oil
- 1 egg – beaten
- 3/4 c low fat milk
- 1 c diced fruit

1. Sift flour and baking powder, add other dry ingredients
2. Mix fruit with egg, milk and oil. Add to dry ingredients
3. Mix until just combined
4. Spoon into muffin trays
5. Bake at 180°C for 15 – 20 mins

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