



Rototuna
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents, Whanau and Carers,

Welcome to the fourth and final term of the 2018 school year. A special welcome to those who are new to our school. I hope that having children attend Rototuna Primary School will be a great learning partnership for you and your children. I have met a number of new parents in the past few days and it's been exciting to hear what they want for their children.

Welcome

A special welcome to Kafula Olsen, who is returning from parental leave, to Nicole Drinkrow, who is returning to full time work this term and to Vanessa Matai'a starting a class in Manuka. All three are valuable team members and I wish them well in the roles they have taken on this term.

Parent Meetings

Last night I hosted meetings for parents in the Chinese community and Indian Community. Next week I am hosting a meeting for the Korean Community at 6.30pm on Tuesday 23 October, followed by a whanau meeting at 7.30pm. They are designed to keep parents informed about the school and to answer questions. The meetings will be all held in the staffroom.

School Organisations

On Thursday 25 October I will be holding a parent meeting to explain the school organisation for 2019. This will be at 6.30pm in the Hall. I will also answer questions that people may have. This will include an explanation about how you will be notified about classes for 2019.

I look forward to seeing you at the various meetings over the next 2 weeks.

P.T.A

The next meeting of the P.T.A is being held tonight at 7.30pm in the staffroom. They will be looking at quotes for the playground improvements using funds already raised. They will also be discussing the Spell-a-thon and the upcoming Disco. Any parent is welcome to attend and your help, even for one event is most welcome.

Project

Over the holidays the sandpit nearest Kowhai Hub was fenced to keep out animals and preparations were made to install a shade cloth over it too. These were made possible by P.T.A fund raising.

At the meeting tonight they will consider a plan and quote for some fitness equipment.

Earthquake Drill

Tomorrow morning, Thursday 18 October, the school will be participating in a nationwide earthquake drill at 9.30am. Children have been reminded about the plan in readiness for tomorrow.

Spell-a-thon

On Monday afternoon, all children should have taken home the sponsorship form and their word list for the School Spell-a-thon to run from 15 October to 9 November.

This will encourage a focus on spelling as well as raising funds for extra iPads and Chrome Books.

The plan is that children contact family and friends for sponsorship and learn their words every night for four weeks.

They will be tested in week 4 (leading up to 9 November) and then collect their sponsorship and donations and bring them to school between 12-16 November. All funds must be back by then to go in the prize pool draws.

There is a prize for the child who raises the most money, another for the best junior class and senior class and a number of spot prizes donated by our wonderful sponsor Noel Leeming. This will be announced at the Celebration on Friday 23 November.

I thank you in anticipation of your support. No donation is too small. We do not encourage children to go door to door for sponsorship unless accompanied by an adult.

Labour Day

On Monday 22 October there is a public holiday to celebrate the introduction of the 8 hour working day. It is called Labour Day. The school will be closed. I hope you all have a great long weekend.

Lunch Break

Last term we had a shorter lunch break to help cope with the number of wet days. The school timetable will return to normal this term. That means morning tea from 10.40 to 11.00am and lunch time 12.30- 1.25pm.

No Parking or Drop Off at Waikato Orthodontic Centre Thomas Road

Please respect this business carpark is for customers who are attending an appointment. It is not to be used for school parking or drop off/pick up of students.

Hats

Rototuna Primary School is a Sunsafe School. As part of the plan to help children avoid sunburn in Terms 1 and 4 all children are required to wear a hat outdoors. It can be any colour as long as it has a wide brim (bucket hat, cricket hat or legionnaire hat which includes a flap to shade the neck. Children who do not have hats have to remain in shaded areas (by the Hall).

Caps are not permitted

Amazing Race

Next Wednesday we have senior teams participating in the Amazing Race at Hamilton Gardens. They will leave at 8.30am. Tina Anderson is in charge of the team. I wish students all the best for this event.

Choir

We have our Senior Choir participating in an event called Big Sing at Southwell on Thursday 25 October. Payments for this trip are due now and can be made via Kindo.

Farmyard Animals

We are hosting a learning experience called Sam and his Farmyard Friends this is for Teams Kea and Weka – please ensure you have paid via KINDO.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The NEXT Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees is at 6.00pm on Monday 29 October in the Admin Meeting room.

Disco

Friday 2nd November the P.T.A will be holding a Disco - Juniors 5:30 and Seniors 6:45. Halloween theme. More information to come next week.

Leadership Rolls for 2019

Information was given to students in Year 4 and 5 last term 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.

Important Dates in October

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
Monday	22/10	Labour Day This is a public holiday and school will be closed
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 Rooms 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
Tuesday	6/11	Year 5 and 6 Athletics Day at school. Postponement day Thursday 8 November
Tuesday	20/11	Interschool Athletics at Southwell School. Postponement day Thursday 22 November
Tuesday	27/11	Junior School Athletics Day at School. Postponement day Thursday 29 November
Class End of Term Party		Friday 7 December or Monday 10 December - you will be told what day your child's class will be having their end of year class celebration
Tuesday	11/12	Year 6 School Leaders Function at 6.00pm – this will be held at school
Wednesday	12/12	Service to School Celebration at 9.30am
Friday	14/12	END OF TERM School will finish at 12.30pm

Calendar Orders

If you have already ordered calendar art these will be sent home **THIS week.** For those of you that missed out on ordering we will open the orders again **TODAY** - these will remain open until Friday 26 October. We can't accept late orders.



Decorations, Tables, Chairs and more.
Contact Shelley to view Rototuna showroom.
www.partyqueen.co.nz

A message from your local councillor on parking, traffic and 'Chaos at the School Gate'

Greetings parents and caregivers.

I have been following up on a few concerns that have been voiced to me in regards to traffic matters around the school vicinity.

Rototuna Primary School is not unique in having issues with parking and traffic matters. This is being experienced from nearly every school within Hamilton.

However, Rototuna Primary School sits within an extremely busy hub and I am sure you are all very aware of the congestion that builds up during school drop off and pick up times.

To those parents and guardians that drop and pick up children from school, please be mindful of adhering to parking rules and avoid parking on yellow lines or across resident's driveways.

There also seems to be some issues with traffic behaviour from people using the Countdown carpark, speeding within the carpark and general impatience. This is not just school traffic.

Our first concern in these matters is always the welfare and safety of our children. The last thing anybody wants is for a child to be hit by a car because they could not be seen due to someone parking where they should not have been or due to speed or impatience.

I was a Police Officer for 28yrs both here in Hamilton and Queensland Australia and I have seen far too many child road injuries and deaths due to driving behaviours.

The Hamilton City Council School Traffic team are working closely with the school to ensure safety and I have been in contact with the Hamilton Police Strategic Traffic unit who are well aware of the problems and will be dedicating some patrol time around the school fringes during drop off and pick up times. I have been informed that a hard line will be taken with drivers not adhering to road rules by both HCC Parking team and Hamilton Police.

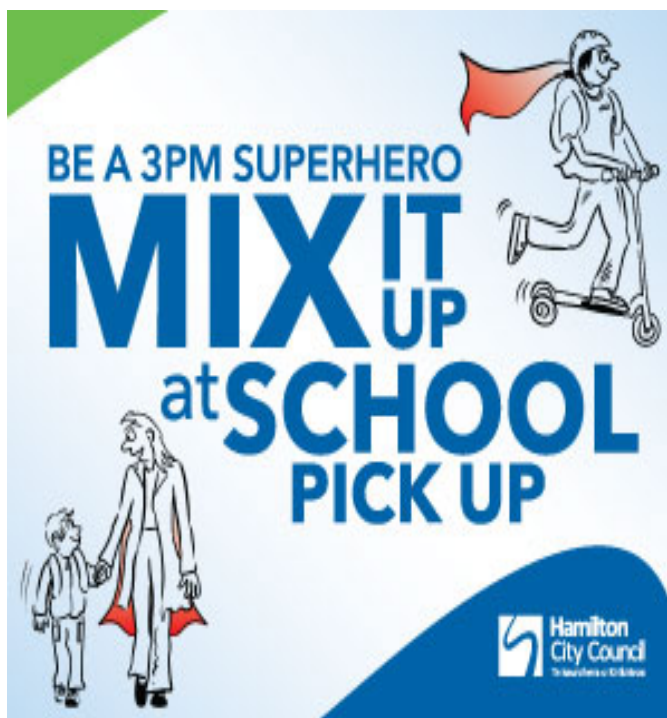
To sum up, to avoid local residents making complaints, children being hurt and the Hamilton Police having to issue Traffic Infringement Notices, please be respectful of parking rules, be patient and take care.

Lastly, we are very aware that a vast majority of parents and guardians are adhering to the road rules, but a few are causing some issues for the school.

Take care out there.

Regards

James R Casson
East Ward City Councillor
Hamilton



Cultural Evening 2018
Thursday 1st November
Rototuna School Hall

Please join us in celebrating our school's cultural performers in an evening of entertainment. Our performers are showcasing a variety of skills such as Choir, Hip Hop, Band, Kapa Haka and many more. The show runs from 6:30pm till 8pm. Everyone is welcome, See you all there!

Learn to Dive with Waikato Diving Club

Waterworld Te Rapa is opening again on the 3rd of November and Waikato (Springboard) Diving Club will be running a Learn To Dive program in Term4 starting the week commencing 5th of November. These sessions are a basic introduction to the sport of springboard diving.

Sessions will run until the end of Term 4.

Sessions will be run on a Tuesday or Wednesday for 40 minutes between 4pm and 5.30pm.

Diving teaches fitness, water confidence, learning to meet and conquer challenges, friendship and a team spirit without the team environment of some other sports. It is also an Olympic Sport. (for those planning ahead)

Costs works out at \$10 a session (Which includes pool entry).

Divers need to be confident in water and ideally at least 6 years old. (Exceptions are possible).

To register your interest or find out more information please email waikato.diving.ww@gmail.com or txt / call Danny on 0276002201 (bookings are essential)

Come along to the Grand ReOpening of Waterworld on Sat the 3rd of November as we will be running diving demonstrations plus free introductory lessons.



<p>Gymnastics In Schools Programme Enrolment Form</p> <p><small>www.hamcitygymnsports.co.nz office@hamcitygymnsports.co.nz 849 4546</small></p> <p>Rototuna School Term 4 2018</p> <div><p>Rototuna School Hall Lunchtimes \$70 for 8 weeks</p><p>Starting Wednesday 24th Oct Finish 12th Dec</p></div> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Year 0-6 Wednesday Lunchtimes</p> <p>Childs Name: _____</p> <p>Age: _____</p> <p>Contact Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p><small>Please find enclosed \$70 as confirmation of enrolment. Please make cheques payable to Hamilton City Gymnsports. Alternatively you can Internet bank: Westpac 03 1559 0020891 00</small></p> <p>Parent/Caregivers Signature: _____</p>
