



# Rototuna

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Whanau and Carers,

This is the third week of the term. There are nine weeks in this final term of 2018. As is usually the case the final term seems to race by. Tomorrow we start the month of November so this newsletter will have all the key dates coming up.

## Hats

Rototuna Primary School is a Sunsafes 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

## Important Dates in October

Thursday	1/11	Postponement Day Year 3 and 4 Athletics <b>6.00pm Rototuna School Cultural Evening in the Hall</b>
Tuesday	6/11	Year 5 and 6 Athletics Day at school. Postponement day Thursday 8 November
Friday	9/11	Celebration <b>CHECK TIMES BELOW</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9/11</b>	<b>School Discos</b>
Tuesday	20/11	Interschool Athletics at Southwell School. Postponement day Thursday 22 November
Thursday	21/11	Parent Helper THANK YOU Morning Tea 10.40am
Friday	22/11	Celebration <b>CHECK TIMES BELOW</b>
Tuesday	27/11	Junior School Athletics Day at School. Postponement day Thursday 29 November
Wednesday	28/11	Team Kiwi Trip to the Hamilton Gardens
Thursday	29/11	Team Kiwi Trip to the Hamilton Gardens School Band Information evening at 6.30pm
Monday	29/10	Board of Trustees Meeting at 6pm
Friday	30/11	Rototuna Junior High School orientation 9.30-12.30pm
Class End of Term Party's		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
<b>Friday</b>	<b>14/12</b>	<b>END OF TERM School will finish at 12.30pm</b>

## Parent Meeting

Some of the points covered in the parent meeting were:

Organisation: We plan to start the year with 26 Classrooms

- 2 New Entrant Groups
- 4 Year 1 classes
- 5 Year 2 classes
- 6 Year 3 classes (including 1 year 2/3 composite)
- 6 Year 4 classes
- 6 Year 5 classes
- 7 Year 6 classes

## Classes 2019

Teachers are dividing current rooms into 2 or 3 equal groups and these groups will be joined from other classes for 2019. Learning needs, behaviours, strengths are all factors considered.

Stacey Lawrence and Tina Anderson will put the groups into classes. Our plan is to try and put the class and teachers name on the report or failing that to send out a password to access classes on our website, as we did last year. Due to the sheer size of the school and the need to consider many factors that we know of all students. We will NOT be seeking suggestions from parents regarding placements and will not make any changes once the classes are published.

## Leaving NE-Y5 2019

We are in the process of doing our class organisation for 2019. If your child will be leaving us and attending another school for 2019 can you please email us at [reception@rototunaprimarieschool.nz](mailto:reception@rototunaprimarieschool.nz)

- Child Name:
- Room Number:
- Date Leaving Rototuna:
- New Schools Name

### **Buildings**

We are still waiting on 10 classrooms these have been delayed and a start is not expected until about August 2019. The MOE will provide 3 relocatable classrooms ready for Term 2, 2019. The 10 classrooms are to be sited next to Tawa Hub. Shortly there will be a display in the office foyer. Design work has not begun yet but a drawing is available. There will be quite a lot of classroom upgrading in Term 1 using \$200,000.00 of extra funding. Carpets, Autex on walls in hubs and LED lightening will be installed.

### **Strategic Plan**

Parents, teachers and Senior students participated in surveys to enable us to beginning planning the strategic direction of the school for the next 3 years. There are 4 Strategic Intentions. They are:

- Student Progress, Achievement and Agency (agency means staff managing)
- Hauora/Wellbeing for Success. This is for students and staff.
- Culturally Responsive Pedagogy (Teaching practice) ensuring that all unique cultures are valued.
- Educationally Powerful Partnerships with Parents and Whānau

### **Keeping Ourselves Safe**

I explained (and consulted) about the Health programme especially Keeping Ourselves Safe which will be taught again next year. It included children learning correct names for body parts. Parents will receive further information before this programme, which is taught regularly as part of the 2019 programme.

### **Health and Safety**

I explained to students at last week's school celebration the importance of Sun Safe in schools and why all children are required to wear hats and to have clothing that covers shoulders. The use of sunscreen is also recommended.

### **Spell-a-thon**

The children are encouraged to continue the great start to learning their spell-a-thon spelling words which will close late week 4. Children need to bring the money they raised to the school the week beginning the 12<sup>th</sup> of November.

### **Ice Blocks**

The P.T.A. will be selling lemonade ice blocks on Fridays at lunchtime from Ricky's Shed these are \$1.00 please bring correct change.



### **Late for School**

If your child is late for school (after the 9am bell) they MUST sign in at the office and take a yellow late card to the teacher. This is to ensure we have accounted for all children at school and is part of our safety procedure.

## **STRIKE DAY**

**WE ARE STILL WAITING ON CONFIRMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TEACHER STRIKE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – WE WILL INFORM YOU AS SOON AS WE ARE NOTIFIED.**

#### **Spotlight Students Week 2 Term 4**

Avery McDonald: Room 3 Avery is a fantastic kaimahi takitahi - self manager and a kaiwhakkaaro - thinker, who is always ready for learning. This shows with the great progress Avery is making in all areas at school. Avery is a kaimahi a roopu - team player and displays rangitiratanga - responsibility for herself and others. She uses her initiative to see where she can help classmates when they are having difficulties. Ka pai Avery.

Brooke Mortimore: Room 3 Brooke is a great kaimahi takitahi - self manager and kaiwhakaaaro - thinker. She displays maturity and puts great care into making sure she always works to the best of her ability. Brooke displays rangitiratanga - responsibility for herself and others. She is quick to offer her assistance to help someone out. Brooke is also a talented artist. Ka pai Brooke.

Mary Zhang: Room 3 Mary is a kaiwhakaaaro - thinker and kaimahi takitahi - self manager . She is highly motivated to do her all work to the best of her ability and she is able to do this independently. Mary is a kaikokiri - risk taker. She is showing confidence in sharing her ideas in class discussions. Ka pai Mary.

Mackenzie Weymes. Room 3 Mackenzie is a kaiwhakaaaro - thinker and a kaimahi takitahi - self manager. She has watched strong learners in Room 3 and has challenged herself to be as self motivated and successful as they are. She has done this successfully and has made great progress in her learning. Ka pai Mackenzie.

Nirali Patel Room 12 is an amazing kaimahi takitahi who can always be counted on to do her best. Nirali listens to instructions, asks questions when she is unclear and is organised and ready for learning. She takes pride in what she is doing and presents her work neatly and on time. Nirali is a great role model to others.

ShanShan Fu Room 12 is another fantastic kaimahi takitahi she puts in her best effort, avoids distractions and is organised and ready for her learning. She is also an amazing kaimahi-a-ropu because she helped Mrs Sewell to translate when we had a new student who could not speak English and spoke Cantonese. Shanshan was a great translator and team player.

Rylan Steffert Room 12 is a great kaimahi takitahi. He works hard and stays focused even when others are around him are distracted. Rylan knows what his learning goals are and puts his best effort into achieving them so that he can move onto the next one.

Shaun Wilson Room 12 has developed into a great kaimahi takitahi he puts his effort into practising and tracking new writing goals. He has also become a real kaikokiri. He takes risks in his learning by trying new things, not just in writing, but also in other areas like Art and PE.

Susana Ramirez-Baena - Manuka 2 is an enthusiastic learner who always very passionate and involved in all classroom activities. She regularly asks and answers questions demonstrating that she is a kaiwhakaaaro and role model in our classroom.

Noah Young - Manuka 2 is a quiet, yet responsive member of our whanau in Manuka 2. He is a thoughtful member of Manuka 2 and often provides some very perceptive insights into our work e.g. during Science work in class his observations have been commendable. Clearly he is working towards becoming a kairangahau - a researcher. He is always very polite and well respected by his peers.

Arabella Macapagal - Manuka 2 has a very positive attitude to all school activities and interacts very effectively with her peers in our class demonstrating developing strengths in Whanaungatanga.

Charlotte Simpson- Manuka 2 is developing the skills of kaikokiri. She regularly tries hard with her writing and willingly tries to write the words that she does not know, and makes very accurate approximations using her knowledge about how words work. She is also showing a keen interest in "exploring" through Science experiments.

Ruah Choi,- Manuka 2 has made the transition to school with confidence and is demonstrating a very genuine enthusiasm for all curriculum areas. In art work he is beginning to show that he has a talent. He is becoming a very effective self manager (Kaimahi takitahi) as he moves from room to room within our flexible teaching space.



**Disco Special Order Pizza** The PTA is offering pre-ordered gluten, dairy, nut and soy free pizzas at the upcoming disco on 9th November. These must be pre-ordered via Kindo by midnight Wednesday 7th November and will be available from the kitchen at the disco. If you have any queries about the pizza order or food allergy information for other disco food please email [pta@rototunaprimary.school.nz](mailto:pta@rototunaprimary.school.nz) or ask for Amy or Lynn in the kitchen at the disco. You do not need to pre-order regular pizzas and vegetarian options will be available on the night.

**Disco Helpers Required** The PTA is looking for extra helpers to help run the upcoming Disco on Friday 9th November. We need helpers for set up from 2 pm, running food or novelty item stalls, and cleaning up at the end of the night. If you're able to help please email [pta@rototunaprimary.school.nz](mailto:pta@rototunaprimary.school.nz)



**MEAT & MEAT ALTERNATIVES**

**ALTERNATIVES  
TO MEAT**

Team Energize

Anyone can enjoy meat alternatives, but  
vegetarian families need at least 2 servings a day.  
1 serving =

			
1 EGG	3/4 CUP	1/3 CUP	3/4 CUP
Eggs	Legumes	Nuts and	Tofu



Hamilton City Netball Centre is excited to offer skill sessions for years 5&6. These are open to any year 5&6 player looking to improve their netball skills.

When: Wednesdays in November (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>)

Time: 4:45pm-5:45pm

Cost: \$36 (Includes all 4 sessions)

How to Register: Register online at <https://www.netballhamilton.org.nz/coaches>

For Inquiries call: 07.847.4007



**It's not too late to book into our  
SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN! After School Programme**

Mondays 29 October to 10 December 2018

3:10 - 4:10pm at Rototuna School

We aim to develop and enhance sports skills - catching, kicking and throwing while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness.

Come and try Athletics, Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee and Touch Rugby this term.

**YEAR LEVEL:** 0 - 4 (Age 5 - 8) **COST:** \$75.00  
(pro-rata charge for a shorter booking)

For more information and to **BOOK ONLINE**

go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)

Email: [waikato@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:waikato@kellysports.co.nz) Tel: 07 839 9017

Northern United Sports Club AGM -

Date: 12 November 2018

Time: 7pm

Place: The Keg room, Rototuna

Northern United Sports Club is looking for new people to come on board the committee for both football, futsal and Netball, We have junior and senior football and Senior netball. There are many different roles available both big and small, The more people we have to help both during the season and off season the better, If you would like any further information about a role please don't hesitate to contact Blair on [blair.football@outlook.com](mailto:blair.football@outlook.com). We look forward to seeing you there.