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PRIMARY SCHOOL
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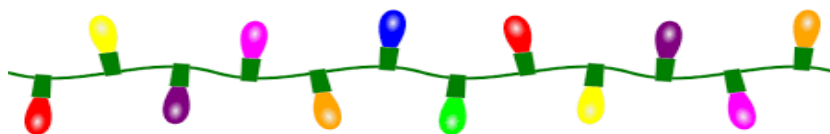
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Dear Parents, Whanau and Carers,

This is the final newsletter for the year as school closes for the summer break this Friday 14 December at 12.30pm. I trust that as you look back on the year that you identify many highs and achievements. I am pleased with the progress we have made and how we have managed challenges.

I thank all parents for their support and engagement in the teaching and learning at Rototuna this year. I also acknowledge the tremendous work of our teachers and learning assistants. They have supported a huge number of learners over the year. 2018 has been a wonderful year for the Board. They have worked very hard and have the extra challenge over the second half of the year appointing my successor. As a community you can be proud of the Board and their role in the governance of the school. Rototuna Primary is fortunate to have such an outstanding P.T.A, it is a small group but their support of the school is phenomenal. I appreciate their dedication and commitment in providing extra resources for the school.

Finally I acknowledge the great work that the teachers have done in providing quality teaching and learning programmes for our Akonga. They have worked hard, they have all grown as professionals and have gone into class every day to do the best they can for our akonga. It is an honour to be part of the staff at our school.

I hope that everyone involved in our school has a wonderful summer break and final time to enjoy family and to relax with them and friends. As a busy year draws to a close we all need to unwind and have the opportunity to prepare for 2019.

Farewell

As with the end of the year there are people that we farewell. For some families this will be their last year with a connection to Rototuna Primary School as their last child leaves us. Then there are a few families who move to other communities for work or family. I wish all these families all the best for the future.

Teachers

This week we farewell Hazel Woodhouse who leaves us to take up a position at Waikato University. She has worked in our new entrant team for the past 11 ½ years. She has introduced collaborative teaching, has really worked hard to improve transition to school and has worked on her Master's in Education and now her doctorate.

Karen Lovell is leaving us too. She has worked in a range of classes and always brought a huge amount of enthusiasm and humour to her work. She has also organised art orders and our annual Arts Evening in term 4. Karen and her family are going to return to the UK to live.

Esther Prendergast has been with us since Term 2 and we appreciate the way she took over a class midyear which is always a challenge and also worked very hard to become familiar with teaching and learning at Rototuna. She is returning to University and her love of music. It is likely we will see Esther back as a reliver from time to time.

Bethany Mitchell is also leaving us for a year to work in Australia. Bethany has been a great team member and has done a huge job with assisting teachers to manage ICT and related issues. We look forward to her return.

I also want to thank Ros Ramsbottom, Maria Revell and Nicole Drinkrow who have also taken on classes during the year to cover for maternity leave or roll growth. I am sure that will see them back as relivers again in 2019.

Reading and Vision Study

We are very excited to inform you all of a study Rototuna Primary will be undertaking with Paterson Burn Optometrist early next year. We have become aware, that a number of students who are struggling with reading are exhibiting reading behaviors which are possibly vision related rather than curriculum related.

In term 1 of 2019 it is hoped that all of our Year 3 and Year 4 students will be part of this study which will look at the behaviors of their eyes. A screening will take place at school in term 1 which will be led by Paterson Burn Optometrist, Kim Stedman. Kim and her team from Paterson Burn have offered their time and services for the screening free of charge to the school. Any further necessary assessment or treatment will be offered at a reduced cost to parents whose children are part of the study.

Lost Property

I thank the students who claimed lost property last Friday when it was displayed outside the Hall. There is still a substantial amount. Please check or encourage your children to check this week. Unclaimed lost property will be donated to a charity next week.

New Classes

On Friday morning at 11.00am all students who will be at our school next year will visit their new classes. Most teachers will be present except some of our staff who have employment elsewhere. It is a great opportunity for children to meet all of their new classmates.

Packaging

Next year we are implementing a no packaging school lunches as so much non-biodegradable rubbish and packages are dropped around our grounds. We are advising you of this procedure now so that if you are buying new lunch boxes you know what we are wanting to do. This is part of raising students awareness about materials that are not good for our environment – we are looking forward to your support.



Happening this Week

Friday 14/12

- At 11.00am students will get to meet their new classrooms for 2019 and where possible their teacher. This session will last half an hour.
- **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12.30pm**

Celebration

We had two wonderful Celebrations last Friday where ākonga shared work. We also spotlighted the following children from Ruma Kahikatea.

Rome Sagban: Rome is a true Kairangahau (researcher) and a Kaiwhakaaro who thinks deeply about everything and this is reflected in his contribution to class discussion and the amazing ideas in his writing. He brightens the classroom with his enthusiasm for learning, infectious laugh and sparkling smile. Tino pai Rome.

Brianna Buckley: Brianna is a great Kaimahi a roopu who is always showing Maanakitanga in the way that she cares for others and looks after the classroom. She is always actively looking for ways that she can help and it is really appreciated by all of us in Kahikatea. Aroha ana Brianna.

Alex Gale: Alex has developed into a strong Kaikokiri and Kaiwhakawhiti Korero over the last two terms, by putting lots of effort into his learning; so much so that his mum says he often needs a nap after school. That's being a true Rototuna learner! Kai pai Alex.

Ailin Zhang: Ailin is excellent at building relationships- the tikanga of Whanaungatanga, as well as being a Kaimahi Takitahi who is always ready for learning. Thank you for helping others in Kahikatea feel happy and cared for. Tino pai rawa atu Ailin,

Lost Books

Readers – every year at this time we ask whanau and akonga to do a house search for any reading or library books. We are really grateful for the huge number we get back as it means we can buy more new titles instead of replacing lost ones. We never growl, we are just grateful if you find them and return them to school.

School will reopen on 30th January 2019

School Stationery will open for orders on Kindo from January 9

We will once again be selling classroom stationery packs via KINDO. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU USE YOUR CHILDS CORRECT 2019 ROOM NUMBER WHEN PURCHASING (this can be found at the bottom of your child's report).**

You have the option of selecting the order to be picked up from the office or sent directly to your child's class.

The school office will open from WEDNESDAY 23 until Tuesday 29 January between the hours of 11.00am – 2.00pm.

School Donation

We have a school donation of \$120 (\$30 a term) per child. The money from the proceeds of our school fees contributes to the cost of employing learning assistants who work in the classrooms from Tuesday – Thursday weekly. Each classroom gets the equivalent of one day a week. This payment can be made via KINDO, you have the option of either termly payments or yearly.

Ice Blocks

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





School Desks

The Board of Trustees is continuing to plan to renew furniture across the school.

This year it's the Year 4 classes that will be upgraded. If you would like one of the surplus **desks (no chairs)** for home or friends and family these can be picked up from

Rooms 12 - 15 between 3.00pm - 4.00pm on THURSDAY 13th December.

WE CANNOT HOLD DESKS

There is more than 100 desks to give away.

Chairs are not available.



Finally

It has been a fabulous year and I look forward to Term 1 in 2019. I wish you all the very best of the festive season and the summer break.

Yours Faithfully

Mike Sutton
Principal



'EVERYDAY HEROES'
WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER 9am-4pm
THE BASE, HAMILTON - NORTHERN CARPARK
An opportunity to get up close with some of the services and agencies involved in keeping your communities safe.

 **NEW ZEALAND POLICE**
Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa

 **KidsCan**
2018 FUNDRAISER

 **FIRE EMERGENCY**

 **St John**

 **LAND SAR**
HAMILTON

 **Waikato**
REGIONAL COUNCIL

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 **SAFE LIFE SAVING**

 **CPNZ**
NEW ZEALAND

 **THE BASE**

Kiwi Club Holiday Programme December 2018 / January 2019



| Mon 17 th Dec \$40 | Tue 18 th Dec \$60 | Wed 19 th Dec \$40 | Thur 20 th Dec \$68 | Fri 21 st Dec \$45 |
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| <u>Puppet Mania</u> AM – Creating Puppets PM – Performing Puppet shows | <u>Hamilton Lake</u> Bus Leaves @ 9:30 PM – Capture the Flag & Games | <u>Water Adventures</u> AM – Water Fight PM – Water Crafts SUBWAY | <u>Movies</u> Snacks available at extra cost. Bring money & order in AM. PM- Movie Quiz and colouring competition | Christmas Party Crafts, Games, Prizes, Candy Cane Activities |
| Mon 14 th Jan \$40 | Tue 15 th Jan \$60 | Wed 16 th Jan \$40 | Thur 17 th Jan \$60 | Fri 18 th Jan \$45 |
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| New Year's Party Crafts, Games, New Year Resolutions | Inflatable World Bus Leaves @ 9:30 | Mythical Creatures Unicorns, Cerberus, Trolls, Fairies, Design your own Monster SUBWAY | WaterWorld Bus Leaves @ 9:30 Lunch, Drink bottle Hat. Extra \$5 for hydroslide PM – Water Crafts | AM – Jazzersize Throwback Crafts PM – Kareoke & Games |
| Mon 21 st Jan \$40 | Tue 22 nd Jan \$68 | Wed 23 rd Jan \$40 | Thur 24 th Jan \$60 | Fri 25 th Jan \$40 |
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| Under The Sea Crafts Jelly Fish, Sea Horse, Underworld Scene, Shark crafts | Movies Snacks available at extra cost. Bring money & order in AM. \$3.50 per item Popcorn, drink ice cream PM- Movie Quiz and colouring comp | Garden Themed Crafts AM – Decorate and plant pots PM – Rock Painting SUBWAY | Taitua Arboretum - hide rocks, feed chickens, scavenger's hunt Bus leaves @ 9:30 PM – Organic Frames | P.J Party Movie, popcorn, clown noses, sun catchers, quiz game |
| | | | | Tue 29th Jan \$40 AM – Making Playdough PM – Water Fun |

Bookings: kiwiclubrototuna.aimyplus.com Registration Closes 12th

Dec at 5pm 2018 for Dec Programme & 21st December at 5pm for the Jan 2019

Programme. NO REFUNDS AFTER THOSE DATES *Please read our Terms & Conditions*