



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



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Dear Parents, Whanau and Carers,

This term is racing by. There are just over two weeks until the end of term on Friday 12 April. It has been a busy term and there are still a number of events to go until the end of term. It probably seems to be going faster for me as I retire at the end of the term.

## **Reflection**

It has been a week of reflection for us as a nation as we come to terms with the appalling terrorist attack on Mosques in Christchurch, our thoughts have been with our Muslim families as they cope with the tragedy's.

We have continued to monitor children over the week and have not had worrying or adverse reactions. Sometimes reaction take time to emerge so we will not relax our observations.

## **James Eldridge**

I visited the new principal of Rototuna James Eldridge at his school in Matamata last week. It was part of the transition for both of us. He is looking forward to starting work in this community on the 29 April.

There will be a powhiri to welcome him to our school on Thursday 11 April at 10.30am. Parents are invited to attend. To enable the powhiri to take place at 10.30am the students will have an early morning tea at 9.50am before they assemble in the Hall.

## **Whanau Meeting**

Last Tuesday was a busy evening as I attended our Whānau Meeting at 6.00pm followed by the P.T.A Annual Meeting at 7.30pm.

At the Whānau Hui we discussed Maori achievement going over the data that we have shared with you in newsletters in the past month. Generally Maori students are achieving well at Rototuna Primary. That is due to programmes such as Ako Whakatere, taught by Ngahuia Nuri, and quality classroom teaching and learning. Crucial to these programmes is engagement and support from parents.

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

A very keen group of parents attended the meeting and they elected Amy King as the Chair of the organisation. Vicky Mashlan was elected as Secretary and Jackie True continues as Treasurer.

As a community we should be very proud of our P.T.A as they provide around \$45,000 worth of resources and equipment. Their latest project is the new fitness trail which cost \$50,000 which they put aside over the past couple of years. Major projects completed in the past 10 years while I have been here include sharing the cost of the covered courts with the board of Trustees. The garden between Rata and Totara Hubs, the middle adventure playground, the sports container near the middle playground, shade cloth over all these playgrounds and the newly fenced sandpit, the paved area outside Kauri hub, provision of smaller rubbish bins for the junior area, sharing some of the gully project costs and the seating area in the sensory garden. They also supplied friendship seating around the school and sun umbrella's for seating in the playground. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive organisation.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with them over the last ten years and thank everyone who has held office and all who have been on the committee or helped out at various functions. I know that James Eldridge is looking forward to working with them too.

## **Board of Trustees**

I attended my final meeting with the Board of Trustees last Monday. Great schools need quality governance and this has been a feature of the Boards that I have worked with at Rototuna. They have all been focused on student achievement and ongoing improvement. Most of the time at Board meetings time is taken up discussing student achievement and progress. To reach this goal they have always ensured that there are enough funds to keep growing our teachers and they have generously funded IT, classroom furniture and property at the school. They funded the addition to Mānuka block so that we could best meet the needs of five year old's. They have ensured that we have a great environment. The sensory garden and nature plants/trees in the gully have been other projects. The Board has always met the legal requirements set by the Ministry of Education and other Government agencies. The hidden work they do is creating the policies that guide the

government agencies. The hidden work they do is creating the policies that guide the governance of our school.

Shortly the election process for a new board will take place with results declared on June 7. I hope that you will consider putting your name forward for the board.

### **Property**

The Ministry of Education has confirmed that 3 transportable rooms will be in place to take pressure off the hub spaces for the beginning of term 2. Initially they will be used for classes to move into while there are flooring and lighting upgrades, and wall coverings for hub spaces.

The Ministry has also provided the Board with a time frame for the 10 new classrooms. Building will commence in April 2020. The architects are working on the designs at present.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

These are being held TODAY and TOMORROW if you haven't yet booked please call the school office 853 2470 or call in to make an appointment.

### **New Fitness Trail**

By the time you read this the new Fitness Trail will be completed and open for the students to use. It looks quite stunning and I am sure that the students will put it to good use. The turf will cut down on the dirt being walked into the classrooms especially Tawa and Rimu Hubs.

### **Coming Up in April**

Following are the key dates for April. Please add them to the calendar.

Monday	1/04	Dress rehearsal for the Year 6 show at 1.30pm
Tuesday	2/04	Junior School Cross Country beginning 1.30pm in the school grounds 6.30pm First public performance of the Year 6 <b><u>Production tickets available NOW on KINDO</u></b>
Thursday	4/04	1.30pm Matinee Year 6 Production 6.30pm Year 6 Production
Friday	5/04	Grip Leadership Course for School Leaders 9.15am Senior School Celebration 10.00am Junior School Celebration Postponement day for the Junior School Cross Country
Sunday	7/04	Top Schools Competition at Te Kowhai School for selected students
Monday	8/04	Whakatau (welcome) of next terms 5 year olds at 9.00am
Tuesday	9/04	9.00am Term 1 School Sports Teams Photographs, Student Leadership & Iwi Groups
Wednesday	10/04	6.30pm Community Farewell for Mike
Thursday	11/04	10.30am Powhiri for the New Principal James Eldridge
Friday	12/04	Mikes farewell Celebration 9.00am <b>Term 1 FINISHES at 3.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1/05</b>	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>

### **Games**

We are seeing a number of games coming into the playground that are based around screen viewing. Some games result in acting out the action at school and sometimes timing is leading to injury or insult. Other games we see are based on Fortnite. Some children have difficulty in distinguishing between fiction and reality. Programmes such as Fortnite are R14 so we should not be seeing these carrying over to the school.

### **Fire Evacuation**

Schools are required to practice evacuations so that children can quickly act in case of an emergency. There are a few children that get anxious about the alarm signal. Please talk to your children if that is necessary. We intend to hold an evacuation on Friday 29 March (weather permitting).



## Welcome

On 8 April we welcome Amelia Steeghs who will be joining the Mānuka Learning Community to start our fourth new entrant group. Amelia has been around the school relieving over the past few weeks.



## Celebration Spotlight

ROOM 1	Kahurangi Deane: <i>Kahu is a sensible Kaimahi Takitahi - a self Manager. She settles down to work quickly and if she needs to speak, she talks quietly so she doesn't disturb other learners.</i>
1	Sophia Parkinson: <i>Sophia is a Kaimahi a roopu - a team player. She is always on the lookout for children she can help and is a kind friend.</i>
1	Ruah Choi: <i>Ruah is an amazing Kaikokiri - a risk taker. He faces every challenge with a smile and a can-do attitude.</i>
1	Jayden Zhou: <i>Jayden is a wonderful Kaiwhakawhiti Korero - a communicator. Jayden is never afraid to ask for help if he is unsure, and is always happy to help others if they are stuck.</i>
ROOM 6	Tamati is a true Rototuna Learner. He proves he is a risk taker, a Kaikokiri, by understanding that new learning comes with challenges. He is able to persevere and put in extra effort. He shows kindness and leadership to his peers by being a Team Play, a Kaimahi a Ropu also.
6	Mason is working VERY hard to become a Kaikoriri - a risk taker. He is facing new learning and opportunities, especially in PE with a growth mindset and is feeling proud of himself due to this.
6	Ruby is a Rototuna Self Manager, a Kaimahi Takitahi. She is able to settle into learning tasks without support and is comfortable asking for help if she needs it. She is a confident member of Room 6 and we notice your hard work and focus.
6	EJ is a Kaiwhakawhiti Korero - a communicator. He is able to share his learning and talk about his learning goals with confidence. EJ has put huge amounts of effort into being a Risk taker and this is evident when he finds ways to shift his mindset and ask for help when he needs it.
Totara	<p>Tasmin True is a wonderful self-manager, a Kaimahi Takatahi. She begins work promptly and always completes her work to a high standard. She listens well, can work well independently and always has a smile on her face.</p> <p>Anya Morgan is a fabulous communicator-a Kaiwhakawhiti. She will ask questions if she is unsure of what to do. Anya often has news to share with the teacher or class and always arrives at school ready to learn.</p> <p>Arnav Apparandah-Cheethan is a great Kaimahi Takataki, a self manager. He is able to work on maths goals on Spotlight independently. He always starts work quickly and pushes himself to complete challenging tasks.</p> <p>Sakeas Vuidreketi is a great risk taker-a Kaikokiri. He accepts all challenges and tries hard in all curriculum areas. Sake always works hard and is trying hard to get lots of his Spotlight goals achieved.</p>
ROOM 10	<p>Vanessa Clifford-Marsh is an amazing Team Player - Kaimahi a roopu. She always comes to school with a positive attitude and is very helpful and kind to others. She can confidently share her ideas with others and listen to what they have to say.</p> <p>Amelia Settle is an amazing Kaimahi Takitahi - Self manager as she is always organised for her learning and ready to go. She is focused and gives her best always.</p> <p>Josh Lurman is a great Thinker - Kaiwhakaaro. He puts great thought into all his work, including problem solving challenges, and using what he already knows to help make sense of new learning.</p> <p>Matthew Hunt is Kaikokiri, a Risk Taker, as he doesn't give up when learning gets tricky, instead he perseveres with a can do attitude!</p>

# BOOK NOW this is a School Wide Event

If you have ordered tickets and would now like more you are welcome to hop on KINDO and purchase!

## Year 6 Production

Year 6 students are performing a production **"Mr Sutton has Lost his Keys"** this is a tribute to Mr Sutton and is part of the lead up to his retirement. All students at school will get to see the show at a dress rehearsal. Ticket sales are open to the whole school to come along and watch. There will be **TWO** evening shows and **ONE** matinee. Tickets are now **LIVE on KINDO. We are limited to selling 460 tickets per show** - this will be on a first in first served basis and we ask that you purchase a **MAXIMUM of 4 tickets** as this will be a popular event!

**EVENING Performance on TUESDAY 2 APRIL at 6.30pm**  
**MATINEE at 1.30pm on THURSDAY 4 APRIL**  
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### Junior School Cross Country

The Junior School will be holding their annual cross country at **1.30pm on TUESDAY 2 APRIL**. Postponement day has changed and will now be FRIDAY 5 APRIL starting at 11.00am. More information will be sent home to the students involved with this event.

### Ice Blocks on Friday

This Friday we will be selling ice blocks for \$1.00



### Interschool Swimming School Results

Gemma Hay	Year 4 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Freestyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Backstroke	1 <sup>st</sup> Breaststroke
Judy Fouda	Year 5 Girls		3 <sup>rd</sup> Backstroke	2 <sup>nd</sup> Breaststroke
<b>Relays</b>	Year 4 Girls	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gemma Hay, Indie Spalding, Natalya Kabonova, Riley Roberts	
	Year 6 Girls	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Karli Armstrong, Neave Hills, Katlyn Cornes, Kahlea Norris	
	Year 6 Boys	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Miller Orr, Ryan Speers, Jackson Hay, Caleb Armstrong	



Our wonderful Principal,  
*Mike Sutton,*  
is retiring after 50 years in education.

Past students, past and present parents, and former staff members are

*Invited*  
*To join us for his Farewell*

When: Wednesday 10th April 2019  
at 6:30pm

Where: Rototuna Primary School

RSVP: Essential by 22 March 2019  
[nnuri@rototunaprimarieschool.nz](mailto:nnuri@rototunaprimarieschool.nz)

*E ketekeke te kākā      The kākā chatters*  
*E koekoe te tūi        The tūi challenges*  
*E kuku te korerū      The Korerū pacifies*

**WE'RE LIFTING  
THE LID ON DAIRY  
PRODUCTION**

**COME SEE HOW IT'S DONE**

Fonterra is opening the gates to our Te Rapa site for the local community to come and see what we're turning our delicious milk into.

**6 APRIL 2019**

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**Kiwi Club**  
**April School Holiday Programme 2019**



Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 \$45	Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 \$68	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 \$55	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 \$40	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019
 <p><b>Painting Day</b></p> <p>AM – Texture, face and Puffy Panting</p> <p>PM – T-shirt Water Balloon Painting</p> <p><b>Bring a White T-Shirt</b></p>	 <p><b>AM- Movies</b> Snacks available at extra cost. Bring money and order with Ang in the morning.</p> <p><b>PM- Movie Quiz and colouring competition</b></p>	 <p><b>Beadazzle!</b></p> <p>Professional Beading Workshop Jewellery making</p> <p><b>Subway Lunch</b></p>	 <p><b>Easter</b></p> <p>AM – Easter Crafts</p> <p>PM – Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p><b>Good Friday (Closed)</b></p>
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr 2019	Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr 2019 \$40	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 \$60	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 \$45
<p><b>Easter Monday (Closed)</b></p>	<p><b>Easter Tuesday (Closed)</b></p>	 <p>AM – Zoo Visit</p> <p>PM – Animal Quiz</p> <p><b>Please bring lunch and water bottles</b></p>	<p><b>Anzac Day (Closed)</b></p>	 <p>AM – Creepy Crawly Crafts</p> <p>PM – Baking Anzac Biscuits</p>
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 \$45	Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2019 \$45	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019
 <p><b>Wheels Day</b> Bring your own Wheels – bike, scooters, rollerblades</p>	 <p><b>Fancy Dress Party</b> Come dressed in your favorite dress up! Crafts, Movie, &amp; Popcorn</p>	<p>(School)</p>	<p>(School)</p>	<p>(School)</p>

What to bring each day: Morning tea & Lunch, Water bottle, old clothing (AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED)  
BYOD: We have an area for children to use their own device, bring at your own risk of damage.

Bookings: [kiwiclubrototuna.aimyplus.com](http://kiwiclubrototuna.aimyplus.com) Email Yuki: [kiwiclub05@hotmail.com](mailto:kiwiclub05@hotmail.com)

**Registrations close: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019-**  
*No Refunds/ Cancellations after this date.*



# LOOK! WHAT'S HAPPENING THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

## Free fun for all kids 5-12 years old!

Monday 15 April, 10.30am-12 noon

Central Library

### CREATURE CREATIONS

Come and create your very own mythological creature

Tuesday 16 April, 10.30am-12 noon

Central Library

### BRAVE HEARTS

Find out what makes your heart 'tick' and how to keep it healthy, help build a heart and take the lunch box challenge!

Wednesday 17 April, 10.30am-12.30pm

Chartwell Library

### TAKE ON THE BIG THREE

Check • Challenge • Create with us!

Thursday 18 April, 10.30am-12 noon

Dinsdale Library

### THE GREAT BOOK CHARACTER HUNT

Can you find the characters who have escaped from their books and crack the hidden code?

Tuesday 23 April, 10.30am-12 noon

Glenview Library

### FUTURE SCIENTISTS UNITE!

Join scientists from **Science Box** and discover the fascinating possibilities of science. Registrations required, see the events calendar on our website to register.

Wednesday 24 April, 10.30am-12 noon

St Andrews Library

### FUN AND GAMES

BIG fun with BIG games



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