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Dear Parents, Whanau and Carers,

Thank you to the wonderful participation in the Parent Teacher Interviews last week. I was very pleased with the number who participated in the process. It is what keeps the parent, teacher, student partnership alive and assists in all understanding of the progress being made. It is also important to look ahead and see what individual students need to do to improve their achievement.

I thank all the parents who participated and also thank the teachers for their preparation and participation in the process. Some students also joined their parents for the discussions too.

I hope that there are clear goals and expectations so that everyone in the learning process understands what needs to be done to raise student achievement.

Year 6 Show - Mr. Sutton Lost his Keys

This is a huge week for our Year 6 students as they perform their show. They have had a dress rehearsal on Monday and evening performance last night.

The final two shows will be held on Thursday at 1.30pm and 6.30pm.

Participating in shows is something that is valued at Rototuna and all students get 2-3 opportunities to develop and show their drama, singing and acting skills.

It takes a lot of work on the part of the teachers and students to put on these shows and we are fortunate to have a number of parents and support staff that help behind the scenes with makeup, costumes and props.

We also have a huge number of staff who supported their Year 6 colleagues this term so that the shows could go ahead. I congratulate the students for their outstanding performance and all the staff who have worked hard to provide such an amazing experience. It's been an honour to see such enthusiasm and enjoyment.

In Term Holidays

Staff are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of term time holidays that children are going on. I accept that sometimes they are unavoidable for a number of reasons. Please think carefully about this and consider how much time is missed and the pressure it puts on children to catch up and for teachers to provide extra work. In one class this term there have been only two weeks when no child has been away on holiday. If children are receiving extra in class support this is unsettling too.

I know that the community are very education focussed and that you will avoid extended holiday absences when planning time away.

Building Project

I am looking forward to meeting with the architect, the Ministry of Education and Board Members to discuss the first draft plans for the project to build 10 more teaching spaces at our school. While it will take a while to complete its good to know that we are getting to the planning stage. There are still a few hurdles to go before tenders are called and building work starts next year.

I am pleased that we have got to this stage.

Transportable Rooms

The Ministry of Education recognises that our classrooms will be placed on the field with the intention to reduce pressure and over the holidays three rooms will be placed on the field. The classrooms in the hub spaces will be moved to these buildings. There is some refurbishing of classrooms and hubs to take place starting next term so the classrooms will be used to accommodate classrooms while new flooring is added and hub walls covered with Autex to reduce sound along with new LED lighting. This is a \$200,000 project the government provided extra funding to the M.O.E to enable this to be done quickly.

Celebration

On Friday we will have our school Celebration. The Year 4-6 students will have theirs at 9.15 am followed by the NE to Year 3 at 10.00am. The Celebration will be led by Room 24 and Room 11 will be sharing along with Room 27 and Mānuka 3 and Room 16 will be showing a digital presentation.

You are all most welcome to attend.

Ministry of Education

At 1.30pm on Friday senior staff from the Hamilton office of the MOE will attend a presentation of our Spotlight system that you can access as parents to track your child. This is a cutting edge programme in which we are assisting our school internet partner to develop.

Kylie Morris has done a huge amount of work and she updated the Board so they could look at progress made.

I thank Kylie for her work with the company who are releasing a version for other schools.

It is a programme the Minister of Education is keen to see in schools so that parents have access to up to date information about their child/ren's progress.

Whakatau

Next Monday we will be holding a Whakatau (a welcome) to students who will turn 5 over the early part of Term 2. Their parents will also join us. It is a way of welcoming children to our school.

Sports Photographs

On Tuesday 9 April there will be term 1 sport, leadership and iwi/hapu photographs in the Hall.

Powhiri

On Thursday 11 April at 10.30am there will be a Powhiri to welcome our new Principal James Eldridge to our school. Parents are welcome to join us. There will be seating for our parents upstairs in the Hall. James will have a group of teachers, parents and children to support him.

School Closing

School will close on Friday 12 April at 3.00pm to begin the end of term holidays. School will reopen on **WEDNESDAY 1 MAY at 9.00am.**

Goodbye

At the end of the term we will say farewell to Briony Subritzky who is going overseas for 12 months. Her class will be taught by Karen Lovell for the rest of the year. We wish Briony all the best for her travel adventures.

Teachers Pay Negotiation

This week the teachers will be voting online to see if they will accept the pay offer made by the Ministry of Education. Originally there was to be a paid union meeting this week but this was cancelled following the shootings at Mosques in Christchurch.

Daylight Savings

This finishes over this coming weekend. Don't get caught out not being on time for school next Monday!

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.

MATINTEE at 1.30pm on THURSDAY 4 APRIL
EVENING Performance THURSDAY 4 APRIL at 6.30pm



Farewell to Mike

Wednesday	10/04	Community Farewell	6.30pm in the School Hall - all welcome to attend
Thursday	11/04	Staff, BOT, PTA Farewell	Dinner
Friday	12/04	Final Celebration	9.00am in the school Hall - all welcome to attend

FRUIT DRINKS



Fruit 'drinks' are different to fruit 'juice', they contain very little fruit juice and can be high in sugar. Keep these as an **OCCASIONAL** drink.

700ml e2 bottle = 20tsp sugar

200ml cordial = 4tsp sugar

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He mea hanga e Sport Waikato 2019

He rerekē te fruit 'drinks' i te fruit 'juice', he iti kau noa te wairanu kei roto, ka mutu, i eetahi waa, e kii kee ana i te huka. Waiho eenei hei inu **MOO EETAHI** tino waa.

200ml cordial = 4tspine huka

700ml paatara e2 = 20tiipune huka

How to Access Spotlight

SPOTLIGHT HOW TO Videos for Parents

We have put together quick HOW TO videos to help parents understand and access their child's learning portal on SPOTLIGHT.

Videos have been created to show you:

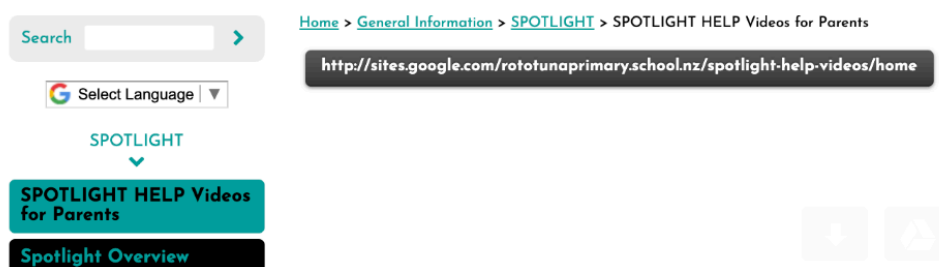
- How to Log-in to your child's SPOTLIGHT Learning Portal
- How to use the DASHBOARD on your child's SPOTLIGHT Learning Portal to support their learning at home
- How to use the CALENDAR space on your child's SPOTLIGHT Learning Portal to support their learning at home
- How to use your child's LEARNING PATHWAY as a real time reporting tool to keep up-to-date with their learning progress in READING, WRITING and MATHEMATICS
- How to keep up-to-date with your child's learning progress
- How to access a simple report each term outlining your child's learning progress and achievements

To access these videos:

1. Go to our website: www.rototunaprimarieschool.nz



2. Click on the General tab
3. Click on SPOTLIGHT tab (at the bottom)
4. Click on the link:



PARENT'S GUIDE TO A GROWTH MINDSET

Big Life Journal

*Your brain is like a muscle. When you learn, your brain grows.
The feeling of it being hard is the feeling of your brain growing!*

PRAISE FOR

 EFFORT
 STRATEGIES
 PROGRESS
 HARD WORK
 PERSISTENCE
 RISING TO A CHALLENGE
 LEARNING FROM A MISTAKE

NOT FOR
 TALENT
 BEING SMART
 BORN GIFTED
 FIXED ABILITIES
 NOT MAKING MISTAKES

THE POWER OF "YET" SAY

"YOU CAN'T DO IT YET."
 "YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET."
 "IF YOU LEARN AND PRACTICE, YOU WILL!"

BRAINS can GROW

MY INTELLIGENCE, TALENTS, and ABILITIES are FIXED.

FIXED MINDSET

I CAN DEVELOP MY INTELLIGENCE, TALENTS, and ABILITIES.

GROWTH MINDSET

VS

FAILURES AND MISTAKES = LEARNING

SAY

"MISTAKES HELP YOU IMPROVE."
 "YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES."
 "LET'S SEE WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES YOU CAN TRY."

RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN MINDSET

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR OWN THINKING AND THE MESSAGES YOU SEND WITH YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS.



ASK

"WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY THAT MADE YOU THINK HARD?"
 "WHAT NEW STRATEGIES DID YOU TRY?"
 "WHAT MISTAKE DID YOU MAKE THAT TAUGHT YOU SOMETHING?"
 "WHAT DID YOU TRY THAT WAS HARD TODAY?"

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2019 Board of Trustee elections

In May nominations will be called to become members of our Board of Trustees. Key dates are as follows.

By Friday 10th May	Nomination forms will be posted to all persons on the school's caregiver roll.
Friday 24th May	NOMINATIONS CLOSE – 24 th May at noon. An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. For our school, the number of vacancies is 5.
Wednesday 29th May	Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.
Friday 7th June	Voting closes at 12 noon.
Thursday 13th June	Votes are counted, and our school advised of the results.
Friday 14th June	New Board takes office

We look forward to all our parents/ caregivers being involved in the process.

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