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Dear Parents, Whanau and Carers,

This is the final newsletter that I will write to the community. I am looking forward to retiring but I have mixed emotions as the end of the term comes around. Rototuna Primary is an extraordinary school and it has been the highlight of my teaching career.

From the day this school was opened in 2003 there has been a focus on students knowing what they need to learn and how to go about it. I love listening to students telling me about those learning goals and the progress they are making. This is crucial in settling them up for the future.

One of the strengths is the partnership between parents, students and teachers because the more that we collaborate and work together the greater success there is for each individual student. We always get a great attendance at school interviews, parent information evenings, meetings, open days and sports and cultural events. This impacts on the children who enjoy the support that they receive. I thank all community members for their trust and support.

To grow great learners, who do their best always, we need great teachers. We are fortunate to attract quality teachers to our staff who engage in education Rototuna style. Our teachers have always been open to learning and ensuring that they too do their best always. It has been one of the highlights of working at Rototuna Primary School.

I have been fortunate to have great deputy principals because leading a big school is a team operation. They have supported teachers, helped students who need support and continued to challenge our thinking and extend the boundaries of education. I have really enjoyed working with the team.

I am grateful to the team leaders who are also crucial for our work. They support and grow teachers and encourage them to focus on data, student progress and achievement. Team leaders are also crucial in supporting change in our school.

Rototuna Primary has a large team of teacher aides and learning assistants who help students with support, provide guidance so teachers can focus on the other students and grow skills especially for those who are international and English second language pupils. They also do a lot of work that frees up teachers to focus on teaching and learning. Thank you to them.

I have had lots of feedback about the way people feel valued and respected when they contact the school or come to the office. I thank our front office staff who are so important in setting the tone and atmosphere when you contact us.

During my time here I have been fortunate to work closely with skilled and knowledgeable Board of Trustees members. They have always had children clearly in mind whenever they make decisions. They have also been very supportive of me and all of our staff and I thank them for helping make Rototuna Primary such a great place for learning. Our finances have always been well managed too. Thank you very much.

As a community you should be really grateful to the P.T.A committees over time. They have been skilled and creative in raising money to support teaching and learning and the strategic direction of the school. This is the best resourced school I have worked in and that's due to the P.T.A and the great relationship they have with the Board of Trustees.

All of these groups have come together to provide support, quality education and ensure that our students receive the best possible education and learning environment. It has been my honour and privilege to lead this wonderful school and I take away so many great memories as I head into retirement.

Year 6 Production

Last week it was wonderful to attend the Year 6 Production of 'Mr. Sutton Loses his Keys'. It was a huge honour to have a farewell production written about me. I thank Jane Macqueen and Rochelle O'Leary for writing it. I congratulate the teachers and students on bringing together such a wonderful production. I also thank teacher aides, parents and other volunteers who worked on the sets and props together, provided costumes, hairstyles and make up – all this combined made it an outstanding show. The students acting, dancing and enthusiasm made it more memorable. Well done everyone.

Reminder - Term 2 Start Date

At the beginning of Term 2 we have two teacher only days.

School will be closed on:

Monday 29 April & Tuesday 30 April

The first day of school for students at Rototuna Primary will be Wednesday 1 May

Junior School Cross Country

Thank you to the large group of parents and grandparents who supported the Juniors as they participated in the annual cross country last week. Your presence encouraged every child to do their best always. Thank you for the positive support and encouragement. Special thanks to the teaching staff and support staff for their organisation. Below are the results:

Placings 2019	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Team Tui Girls	Hafsah Ahmed Mānuka 4	Ashna Sharma Mānuka 1	Minchu Su Mānuka 1	Anna Huang Mānuka 4	Mia Reed Sierra Conroy Mānuka 3
Team Tui Boys	Lazarus Cuthill Mānuka 1	Levi Wright Mānuka 1	Nikau Kaa Mānuka 1	Chon Fu Mānuka 3	Jacob Li Mānuka 4
Team Kea Girls	Helena Liu Rm 2	Brianna Buckley Rm 3	Sophia Parkinson Rm 1	Victoria Kabanova Rm 4	Jaime Miller Rm 4
Team Kea Boys	Nixon Stobbs Rm 3	Tommy Gilmour Rm 4	Xavier Loeffen Rm 2	Luka Hood Rm 2	Cole Myburgh Rm 2
Team Weka Girls	Sophia McIntyre Rm 27	Lilia Foster Rm 25	Aniya Kumar Rm 9	Lydia Gieseg Rm 25	Vivian Cai Rm 9
Team Weka Boys	Levi Brough Rm 26	Toby Cooper Rm 9	James Schuster Rm 28	Hisham Khan Rm 28	Te Manawanui Poanga-Hancox Rm 9

Thank you

A big thank you to those parents who coached and managed sports teams during term 1. Without your support we would not be able to field teams each week.

Lost Property

There is a huge amount of lost property at school. It is in containers in the Hall. It will be displayed for the last time on Friday. Any unclaimed property will be donated to a charitable group. Please encourage children to look closely during this week and when it is displayed at this Friday's Celebration.

Property

Last Friday some Board members joined me for a presentation of the initial design of the 10 teaching spaces that will be constructed next year. The Board of Trustees will respond this week so that we can keep the project moving.

There has been a delay in the delivery of the 3 transportable classrooms. They will be ready for use hopefully by the end of week 3. We are extremely disappointed in this delay.

Ministry of Education Visit

On Friday afternoon Kylie and I hosted a visit of 7 MOE staff to demonstrate the system we are using to share and report on student progress and achievement. This is a cutting edge approach and the MOE were most impressed. I thank Kylie for all her work and all the teachers for implementing the programme.

Powhiri

On Thursday morning (tomorrow) at 10.30am there will be a powhiri to welcome our new Principal, James Eldridge to the school. All of our students will be attending. Parents are welcome to attend and there will be some seating upstairs on the mezzanine floor.

School Holidays

School will close on Friday 12th April at 3.00pm for the school holidays. It will include the Easter break from 19-22 April and ANZAC day on 25 April. These days will all be public holidays. School will open on Wednesday 1 May. There are teacher only days on the 29, 30 April so Term two will start on Wednesday 1 May.

Celebration

Thank you to parents/whanau who came to the Junior and Senior Celebrations last Friday. The students enjoy your presence. Congratulations to the following students who were spotlighted last week.

24	<p>Hailey Son is a great Kaikokiri (risk taker) and Kaiwhakawhiti Korero (communicator). Hailey is never afraid to ask questions to help her understand her new learning. She also never gives up when she finds learning hard.</p> <p>Piper Sewell is a great Kaikokiri (risk taker). She has been working really hard on her maths goals and has a positive attitude to all her learning. She doesn't give up when she finds it hard and keeps trying.</p> <p>Neori Vuidrekiti is a great Kaimahi Takitahi (self manager). He is always focussed and ready to learn. He can work on his goals independently on spotlight, even uploading evidence at home.</p> <p>Reef Douglas is a great Kaimahi a roopu - a team player- and demonstrates great manaakitanga. He always comes to school with a positive attitude and is always willing to help others both in the classroom and outside in all situations.</p>
Mānuka toru	<p>Sierra Conroy is a kaimahi takitahi (self manager) who settles quickly to all tasks. She is also a kaikokiri (risk taker) who gives everything a go even when the learning goals are new and tricky,</p> <p>Coco Zhou is a kaimahi-a-roopu, a kind caring team player who looks out for others in our classroom. She is a good friend to others and always has a smile on her face.</p> <p>Jal Patel is growing as a kaikokiri, risk taker especially in his writing where he now has a 'can do' attitude as he works hard to achieve his learning goals.</p> <p>Martin Su is a kaiwhakawhiti korero, a communicator and a Kaiwhakaaro - thinker. He contributes to all discussions, asking questions and sharing ideas and he has a thirst for learning that drives him to achieve his goals.</p>
11	<p>Jah-Zia Tukaki-Smith is an excellent kaiwhakawhiti korero, and kaikokiri. He communicates extremely well and is never afraid to ask questions that will help him with his learning. He takes lots of risks with his learning as well, and isn't afraid to get things wrong!</p> <p>Xavier Bailey is a great example of a kaimahi takitahi. He always has his tools ready for learning and gets started as quickly as he can. Xavier makes the most of all of his learning time, which helps him stay focused on his goals.</p> <p>Dakota Phillips has been working really hard this term on whanaungatanga -and has managed to build strong relationships with her classmates and her teacher. Dakota always makes sure she is helping to make Room 11 a great place to be with kindness and a smile and she is very supportive of her siblings as well.</p> <p>Laura Nelson is a kai-mahi-a-roopu, team player who is always ready to support others in the class with their learning. She stays focused on her own learning and is never a distraction, which helps others around her to learn. Her new school in Term 2 will be very lucky to have her!</p>
27	<p>Sonya Wharerau– Sonya is a great team player - Kaimahi a Roopu. She always has a positive attitude and is helpful and kind to others inside and outside the classroom.</p> <p>Jason Wu – Jason is risk taker - Kaikokiri. He will give things a go then asks for help when he is unsure. He is never afraid to ask questions to help him with his learning. He works hard to achieve his goals.</p> <p>Tanner Elkington - Tanner is a great self-manager - Kaimahi Takitahi - He is always organised for his learning and ready to go. He is focused and gives his best always.</p> <p>Alley Mackenzie– Alley is a Thinker - Kaiwhakaaro. She has been working hard in all learning areas and contributes great ideas to class discussions.</p>

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

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Mike Sutton
Principal

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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