



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



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Dear Parents, Whanau and Carers,

This is my first newsletter since my arrival here at Rototuna Primary School. I am excited to be the new Principal and part of the experienced leadership team in such a great school. I currently reside in Cambridge with my family. My wife Kristin and I have two great kids. Harrison is 16 and currently in Year 12 at Cambridge High School, and my daughter Georgia is 21 and currently in her last year at Waikato University of training to be a primary teacher.

I have just spent my first two days working alongside the staff with our special guest Margaret Thorsborne. Margaret is from Australia and specialises in Restorative Practice. Restorative Practice focuses on building and maintaining positive, respectful relationships across the school community. Her two days of learning time have provided staff with much to think about and implement to help all of our learners in our school. We hope to share parts of this programme with you at home as we grow from the developmental stage.

I look forward to getting to know your children and you over the coming months. I would like to thank all of you who attended my powhiri here on Thursday 11 April. This was a very special day.

### **Bereavement**

It is with sadness we inform you that Jessica Fifield's father passed away suddenly on the weekend. Jessica is the teacher of Room 27 and she will be on bereavement leave this week. We have organised Kim MacPherson to relieve in Room 27 during Jessica's absence. Our thoughts and sympathy are with Jessica and her whānau during this sad time. On Monday, teachers shared a karakia and waiata for Jessica and will be sending flowers from the RPS team. Jennifer Adam (Year 2 Team Leader) and Tina Anderson (SLT member) will attend the funeral on Thursday afternoon in Tauranga.

### **NZEI Paid Union Meetings for Teachers**

Next week, on Wednesday 8th May, teachers will be attending NZEI Paid Union Meetings to discuss their collective agreement negotiations. To minimise disruption and avoid closing the school, we have organised a split timetable for teachers to attend these meetings - some teachers will attend a meeting in the morning and some teachers will attend a meeting in the afternoon. This means classrooms will be split within teams and students will continue to engage with learning activities.

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

The next P.T.A. meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 May from 7.30pm in the staffroom. Extra help and new members are welcome.

### **Year 4 Marae Trip**

This event for our Year 4 children is now open for payment on Kindo. Families have been emailed. Please see the classroom teacher if you have any questions regarding this overnight stay.

### **Gymnastics Monday Lunchtimes**

Hamilton City Gymsports are again offering this class during a Monday lunchtime for students. Registration forms are available at the office or you can complete the form below and return to the office. The cost is \$70 for 8 weeks. Payment is made directly to Hamilton City Gymsports, bank account details on the form. The first lesson will be this coming Monday 6 May.

### **Ehara taku toa, he takitahi, he toa takitini**

*My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, as it was not individual success but success of a collective*

**Nga mihi nui**  
**James Eldridge**  
**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 10<sup>th</sup> May** Nomination forms will be posted to all persons on the school's caregiver roll.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** NOMINATIONS CLOSE – 24<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> May** Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** Voting closes at 12 noon.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** Votes are counted, and our school advised of the results.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** New Board takes office

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



### **FUN, FUN, FUN!! It's time for the WICKED WINTER SPORTS! After School Programme**

Mondays 6 May to 24 June 2019  
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 Football, Hockey, Rippa Rugby And Netball this term.

**YEAR LEVEL:** 0 - 4 (Age 5 - 8) **COST:** \$85.00  
(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

## Gymnastics In Schools Programme Enrolment Form

[www.hamcitygymnsports.co.nz](http://www.hamcitygymnsports.co.nz) office@hamcitygymnsports.co.nz 849 4546

### Rototuna School Term 2 2019

Rototuna School Hall  
Lunchtimes  
\$70 for 8 weeks

Starting Monday 6th May, Finish 1st July

☐ Year 0-6 Monday Lunchtimes

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed **\$70** as confirmation of enrolment.  
Please make cheques payable to Hamilton City Gymsports.  
Alternatively you can Internet bank:  
Westpac 03 1559 0020891 00

**Parent/Caregivers Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE PTA THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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### COMMUNITY NOTICES:

#### **YOUNG ENGINEERS TERM 2 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**

E2 Young Engineers – Lego challenge and Gali-Lego are exciting programmes that will boost a student's mind in creative thinking and problem solving. Students will explore basic principles of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and get a practical experience building motorised Lego models. It's fun, its challenging and it'll help them prepare for other educational pathways in science, physics or engineering!

Places are strictly limited. For more information please go to [www.youngengineers.nz](http://www.youngengineers.nz) or contact Katrina on 027 909 3903 email [katrina@squiggle.org.nz](mailto:katrina@squiggle.org.nz)



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