



Dear Parents, Whānau and Carers,
Welcome to Week 6!!

Important Notices

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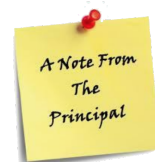
ICAS Enrolments will OPEN TOMORROW. Please login to KINDO to enrol - there will be NO late enrolments accepted after Monday 1st July.

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Whanau and Carers

Welcome to Week 6.

After a rough start weather wise for the long weekend, the weather certainly came right for Sunday and Monday. I hope you and your family enjoyed the extra day and will also enjoy a shorter week ahead.



Open Afternoon Confirmed

In Week 7, **Friday 14 June** we are inviting you to attend class visits to share and celebrate student learning through SPOTLIGHT This will take place between 1.30 - 2.15 for years 0 -3. 2.15- 3.00pm for children in years 4 - 6. We hope to have a coffee cart vendor available at school for those requiring a small boost for the afternoon. We look forward to seeing many of you here to celebrate.

REAP Programme

This term will be the last for the REAP programme. With the business of our school and the high demand on our facilities, we can no longer cater for these activities. A special thank you to Berny for her assistance in providing this programme.

PPTA Secondary School Strike Continues.

By now many of you with students in the secondary system have heard how secondary schools are continuing with partial strikes. Certain year groups have been asked to stay home on particular days. This was Year 9's yesterday with year 10's next Tuesday. Years 11, 12 follow consecutively on the following Tuesdays. There is no news from the NZEI in regards to any further industrial action for Primary Schools.

Ngā Mihi Nui
James Eldridge

From the Sports Desk

Player of the Day – for school teams only:

Olivia Dunn, Amber Carson, Ava-Jade Leatherby, Katlyn Cornes, Marley Keightly



Please email Player of the Day to: roleary@rototunaprimary.school.nz by Tuesday 3pm

From the Library

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 2



CLOSES on Wednesday 12 June. Order and pay online with LOOP.

Safety Message

It is very important that students waiting for parents are **ONLY** waiting outside the school office not on the courts or playgrounds. The courts are used for sport practice and after school programmes so are not free to be used by students waiting for pick up. It is also unsafe to have children waiting on the playgrounds as these areas are not supervised after school and accidents can happen. If you are going to be later than 3.20pm for pick up you have the option of booking your child into after school care. Please do not leave your child waiting after school for extended periods of time.

Payments available on **Kindo** currently:

- Year 4 Marae Stay
- Voluntary School Donation (Full Year or Term by Term Options)
- Trivia Night Tickets



Kindo is our online payment system that allows you to pay for all our school activities or sports 24 hours a day/7 days a week. You can pay via bank transfer (no fees) or credit card (fees apply). Add regular top ups if you'd like, then allocate to payments when you are ready or just pay as you go. Direct links to Kindo available on the school app, website or go to www.kindo.co.nz

Reminders from the Office

Student Absences

Please let the office know about absences or late arrival by 9.10am **each day** that your child will be away for student safety. You can email us using the Absentee link on the school app or phone us directly and leave a message on the absentee line 853 2470. Please remember that students must be clear of any vomiting or diarrhoea symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school. This helps other students and our staff to stay healthy and well. Long term absence for holidays must be advised in writing to: reception@rototunaprimary.school.nz

Correct Contact Details

The office staff have found a number of parents are not contactable due to out of date phone numbers or emails. If you have changed your mobile, email, work number or moved house please let us know so that we can update our records.



Lost Property

If your child has lost an item of clothing, please check the blue drums in the hall.

School Banking

First Credit Union enrolment forms available at the office. Initial deposit of \$5 then any amount following to help your child with regular saving goals. Students receive a banking book to follow their savings record and see their savings grow. Deposits are collected from the Credit Union Lock box in the office each Thursday and books returned to students the following Monday.

Message from the Nature Cops

Wrapper Free Wednesday

Did you know that RPS spends \$5,969.00 on Rubbish each year.



The Nature Cops at RPS have thought of an idea to help reduce these costs. They have decided to slowly introduce Wrapper Free Lunchboxes, we will begin by having Wrapper Free Wednesdays. Thank you to who have already made a conscious effort to reduce the amount of waste in lunch boxes. This means every Wednesday children will need to bring their lunches to school using containers to store food rather than wrappers.

The first one will be Week 7 - Wednesday 12 June
We look forward to seeing Wrapper Free Lunchboxes.

From the Nature Cops

From the Deputy Principal's Desk

Many thanks to the parents who responded to the survey regarding our SPOTLIGHT learning portal. Here are the results of the survey:

Background

Spotlight is a learning portal that was designed by eTap in 2017 and rolled out through a teacher trial at Rototuna Primary School in 2018.

- We have over the past year and one term, focused solely on upskilling teachers and students with the use of Spotlight.
- During this time we have worked closely with eTap to refine and improve the learning portal to meet teachers' and students' specific needs.
- We have also worked on creating learning content to support the goals in our Reading, Writing and Mathematics progressions.
- All teacher planning is now done through Spotlight and it is embedded throughout our school.
- To date, there has been no deliberate focus to actively engage parents with Spotlight. We have continued to use our existing reporting system alongside sharing access to Spotlight with parents.

Analysis

Of the parents who responded to the survey:

58.4% have logged into Spotlight using their parent log-in

48.1% say that Spotlight gives more up-to-date information in real-time of their child's progress and achievement compared to the traditional report

32.5% use Spotlight to keep up-to-date with their child's progress in reading, writing and mathematics

37.7% use Spotlight to support their child's learning at home

31.2% use Spotlight to regularly celebrate with their child their progress and achievement

39.0% have accessed their child's Term 1 Spotlight report

Of the parents who responded to the survey, it was reported that the following features are what they MOST LIKE about Spotlight:

- See and track my child's progress (17)
- See what my child is learning and talking to them about it (16)
- Learning material, being able to practice at home when we want to (flexibility and choice) and knowing how to support my child (8)
- Seeing my child's achievement (5)
- Accessing / logging in to Spotlight anytime (4)
- Accessing more detail than the report, anytime (4)
- Children taking responsibility for their own learning, tracking themselves and talking about it (3)

Of the parents who responded to the survey, it was reported that they would like these features IMPROVED on Spotlight:

- Notification system (15)
- Improve log-in access (11)
- Nothing, it's working great (9)
- Improve content (8)
 - Not youtube videos
 - Make sure links to exercises work
 - Link IXL to goals
 - More worksheets
 - Practical activities they could do at home
- Provide parent sessions (6)

Recommendations:

These results are positive given we have not yet actively focused on engaging parents with the use of SPOTLIGHT. We will now focus on engaging parents with SPOTLIGHT so that they can partner with the teacher and their child to support their child's learning journey. Some deliberate actions from this survey will include:

- Work with eTAP to design an automatic notification system for parents

- Investigate with eTAP how the log-in process for parents could be easier (perhaps via an app)
- Improve learning content
- Provide parent education sessions
- Accountability for students to use Spotlight for home learning (perhaps introducing a home learning diary)
- Transition parents to using Spotlight as the only reporting tool

Special Events

TRIVIA NIGHT!

Come and join the fun at our Annual Trivia Night, brought to you by Rototuna Primary School PTA with our main event sponsor Harcourts! Friday 21st June from 7pm.



This year's theme is 'Legends of Music', so grab some friends for your table of eight, book the babysitter and dust off those music related costumes. Who will you transform into? Will you be the 2019 Trivia Champions? Will you be crowned Best Dressed?

As well as the trivia, there will be lots to entertain you, auctions, raffles, mystery balloons and more! Supper is provided and a cash/eftpos bar is available. One lucky attendee will also win a \$500 travel voucher, generously provided by Memento Group!

Trivia Night is always very popular and often sells out, so don't hesitate, book your table NOW!

Tickets for your table of eight are \$160 and can be purchased via Kindo or by emailing pta@rototunaprimarieschool.nz

We look forward to seeing you at the Legends of Music Trivia Night!



Trivia Night Helpers Needed

We need some wonderful volunteers to help out at the upcoming "Legends of Music" Trivia Night to be held on Friday the 21st of June at 7.00pm.

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help out on the night in a variety of roles. We will need you from 6:40pm until we finish.

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up the hall for Trivia Night during the day from 11am until about 3pm. Any amount of time given during this period is much appreciated.

It is a fun night so please consider giving up a bit of your time to help raise funds for the school.

If you can help please email pta@rototunaprimarieschool.nz

From the P.T.A

P.T.A Meeting Tuesday 11 June at 7.30pm - You are all most welcome to attend.



The **International Competitions and Assessments for Schools** take place each year in schools throughout New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa. The competitions provide students and teachers with the opportunity to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. The ICAS exams assess higher order thinking and problem-solving skills needed for your chosen exams.

These assessments are available for **children in Year 4, 5 and 6**. They are aimed at students who are above in these areas or demonstrate ability. Please complete registrations via Kindo if you wish your child to participate in the following competition(s).

ICAS Subject	Entry fee for each assessment	ICAS Sitting Date
Science	\$16.00	Thursday 5th September 2019
Spelling	\$16.00	Thursday 12th September 2019
*Writing	\$16.00	Tuesday 10th September 2019
English	\$16.00	Tuesday 17th September 2019
Mathematics	\$16.00	Thursday 19th September 2019

***All assessment are now online apart from year 4 and year 5 writing.**

All students receive a Certificate and an individual Student Report indicating which questions/aspects they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for New Zealand students of the same age. Further information on the competitions can be found on the Educational Assessment Australia website – www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, or by calling, 0800 778 010, or by email at info@eaa.unsw.edu.au. Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Should you wish your child to take part in these competitions, please complete registration and payment via Kindo **no later than Monday 1st JULY**

Team Pukeko School Show - Year 5

This term, as part of the Arts curriculum team Pukeko have been learning about dance and drama. To support this learning we have been putting together a production. We are very excited and putting a lot of effort into learning our roles.

Sleeping beauty - the ugly truth. The dates for these are as following:

Evening Performance: Wednesday 26th June @ 6pm

Evening Performance: Thursday 27th June @ 6pm

Tickets are \$4.00 per seat and are **ON SALE Tomorrow** via **KINDO** each family is limited to Max of 4 tickets initially

