



# **FRIENDS OF RUTHERFORD SCHOOL (FORS)**

## **September Newsletter**

Well, we are at the end of School Term 3!

Last Friday we held the 'Blast from the Past' School Disco which raised funds to purchase new Library books for our School Library! So thank you to all the FORS volunteers (our parents and teachers) who made this event such fun. It was a really great night. Thank you to our children who helped to prep and decorate our hall and our new DJ X-Ray (Mr Chen). What an amazing job! Our School Hall was a-glow with dancing children.

It never ceases to amaze me how FORS events come together and how incredibly resourceful, talented and dedicated our parents and teachers are. You guys Rock! None of these events can happen without you and the money you raise goes back into our school to fill it with the resources we need to make our school the place it is today and in future years to come!

I am so looking forward to Term 4 as one of my favourite events of the year comes along on the 6 December. OUR School End of Year Concert! Every year our children perform an item with their class on the outdoor stage and they are just incredible! It is such a great family event! Our Grandparents and extended families have a great opportunity to see our children perform. And FORS will have food and drink stalls, so there is no need to cook dinner that night, so come enjoy relax and watch our amazing children! We will also have our hamper raffles! This years End of Year Concert event will be raising funds to go towards the purchase of heat pumps for some of our classrooms. These heat pumps will be being installed over the Xmas break and ready to go for next year!

FORS will be starting to prepare for our school End of Year concert early into Term 4 with our hamper donation drive. Look out for those notices and we would love some parent help to collect and put these together. If you have a little spare time you can offer, it would be so appreciated! Contact FORS admin on our email addresses:

[Friendsofrutherford@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsofrutherford@gmail.com) or [fors@rutherfordprimary.school.nz](mailto:fors@rutherfordprimary.school.nz)

We will be organising a FORS meetings after school next term as well, as our weather improves, we can keep an eye on our children on the playground and have a get together on a lovely sunny afternoon!





A reminder that Term 4 brings our Point Erin Pool get together on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November. A great day at the pools for our kids and a chance to have a catch up. Children 16 years and under are free, spectators \$1.00 and Adults \$5.90 for the main pool. It has great facilities for all with a toddler pool, playground and hydro slides. Bring a picnic and join the fun (hopefully in the sun).

Our exciting new venture this term has been to look into a setup of a FORS Grants Team. This is an exciting new move towards the longer term goals of our school. Our Grants team would work in conjunction with our school and Board of Trustees. This is another way FORS can contribute to our school community. As this is a new project, it is going to be a wonderful opportunity for our parents to become involved and grow this team and work out a cohesive plan to make this happen! Once again just get in contact through the email addresses for more details.

[Friendsofrutherford@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsofrutherford@gmail.com) or [fors@rutherfordprimary.school.nz](mailto:fors@rutherfordprimary.school.nz)

We would also like to do a shout out to Parents and Grandparents to help with the Whanau reading program run during school hours in the morning. If you can spare a little time to come and listen to our children read. One on one time reading is so invaluable to our children and makes such a huge difference to them, and they love to come and read to you. And from personal experience it is so rewarding to listen to our children and watch the confidence it builds in them. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Lowther on email [Barbaral@rutherfordprimary.school.nz](mailto:Barbaral@rutherfordprimary.school.nz)

We are also looking into having a Team Parent Link to help us get information to and from our parents and represent FORS. The school is grouped into 4 teams, rooms 1, 2 and 7, rooms 3, 4 and Kotahitanga, rooms 12 - 15 and rooms 17 - 19. We would like at least 1 parent volunteer for each team. So if you have a child in one of these classes and are willing to put your hand up to be a FORS Link please do so. The FORS Link would help collect items for End of Year concert raffle and help with distributing calendar art.

Once again if you have any ideas or are able to help in any way FORS would appreciate your contact. Looking forward to seeing you next Term.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

