



**Rutherford
Primary
School**



KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU/GREETINGS FAMILIES

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to week 1 of term 1, 2024. It has been wonderful to have a warm and sunny Summer. I hope you managed to get out and about in the beautiful weather.

Last week we had three staff learning days to go over our priorities for 2024. We're excited about the opportunities for our tamariki this year. Today you will have two notices coming home in your child's bag. One is a welcome letter and overview from your child's hub (group of classes) and the other is an introduction to the parent app we are launching this year. We will be using this portal instead of Seesaw with the aim of streamlining communication and making it easier to use.

WHAT'S ON TOP? *He aha kei runga?*

2024 Organisation

This year we have grouped our classes into learning hubs.

Leadership Team

Tumuaki/Principal: Amanda Bennett
Deputy Principal (Junior School): Catherine Collins
Deputy Principal (Senior School): Madhu Azam
Learning Leader (Junior School): Jules Coup
Learning Leader (Senior School): Paul O'Leary-Ryan
Head of Literacy: Catherine Skudder
Head of Numeracy: Jules Coup
Head of Health & Physical Education: Paul O'Leary-Ryan

Specialist/Release Teachers

Music - Dylan Symonds
STEM - Emma Bjorklund
Taiao/Enviro - Shaz Hathaway

Release Teachers

Meera Surrendran
Carolyn Hakiha
Jules Coup
Robert Burton
Kirsten Harris

Year 6 Hub

Paul O'Leary-Ryan - Room 22
Vikki McRae - Room 21

Year 4-5 Hub

Lisa Grayson - Room 14
Jamie Alexander - Room 15
Ashika Kumar - Room 17
Kirsten Clark - Room 18 (Term 1)

Year 2-3 Hub

Natalie Cullen - Room 1
Teana Lewis-Karepa - Room 2
Dave Canovas - Room 3
Jace Gowen - Room 4

Year 0-1 Hub

Rayleen Wihare - Room 5
Catherine Skudder - Room 6
Kai Aw - Room 7

Administration Team

Principal PA: Diane Aukett
Secretary: Michelle Kelly
Caretaker: Aaron Plowman

Learning Assistants

Arlene Clegg (Lead Learning Assistant)
Lee Tai
Sarah Greenhow
Emma Kelly
Fenella Croad
Sharon Greig
Shareen Khan
Randa Kassem
Shaun Chun
Sharon Denyer

Kōtuku Rerengātahi

Whaea Teana Lewis-Karepa,
Whaea Rayleen Wihare
Whaea Lee Tai

Guidance Counsellor

Rebecca Dam

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

7 February	Term 1 2024 starts
13 February	Whānau Picnic 3pm-6pm
15 February	Pōwhiri 10.30am
22-23 February	Te Ahi Ora evening performances
29 February	School Athletics Day
11-13 March	Years 4-6 North Harbour Softball
19-20 March	Years 3-4 Bat First Cricket
27 March	Year 6 Future Leaders Day
29 March-2 April	Easter (School opens Wednesday 3 April)
6 April	Kōtuku Rerengātahi performance Oceans & Origins Kids art festival
12 April	End of Term 1

Other events may be added as the term progresses. Hubs will send notices for upcoming events through the parent portal.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

22-23 February	Te Ahi Ora afternoon performances. Sausage Sizzle, drinks for sale.
8 September	Brick Show

WELCOME TO SCHOOL



Ava Chun	Aryah Whippy
Maya-Rose Te Maari	Amari Whippy
Zoe O'Shea	Althea Whippy
Sofia Hang	Violet Turner
Thearisa Hem	Matthew Turner
Jaysten Srang	Tallulah Owens
Siniva Logologo	London Trego
Isaiah Khan Cross	Paris Trego
Remi Ngauamo	Nathalie Ramones
Harlow Heath	Ignacia Castro
Jiyaan Goswami	T.K. Karena
Riana Dawe	Matilda Salas
Raikage Rangī	Danica Kit
Penueta Pouto Niko	Toetu PJ Teo

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'The Secret to getting ahead is getting started'



TERM 1 REMINDERS

Hats

All children must wear hats when playing outside.

Lunches

School lunches are online orders only at ezlunch.co.nz

Sushi Ami **Mondays and Thursdays**

Subway **Wednesdays**

Pita Pit **Tuesdays and Fridays**

Menu items vary in price. Orders made online only. No cash sales.

Parent Contact

Please make sure we have a current email address for you as that is how we will be sending a link to the parent portal.

After School Pick Up

A reminder that there is no walking school bus this year. You are still able to park at the church and meet your child at the gate to walk with them or have them meet you at the church.

Wishing everyone a fantastic term.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui
Be Strong, be brave, be determined

Noho ora mai
Amanda Bennett
Tumuaki/Principal

PROPERTY UPDATE



Fabulous progress on our new building!



DENTAL SERVICES

The Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) is a Te Whatu Ora-operated service, which provides **FREE dental care to children across greater Auckland**. In order to prevent any eligible children missing out on receiving free dental care, ARDS is cross-checking their own records with school rolls.

For our children's better oral health and wellbeing, our school roll will be shared with the service as required.

To find out more information about ARDS, please visit ards.co.nz or call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583).

WHANAU READING

Whānau readers needed

Can you spare 30-60 minutes 3 or 4 days a week?

We need volunteers to listen to our tamariki read.



If you are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 9:15 and 10:30 please let me know at arlenec@rutherfordprimary.school.nz



8.30am

Rutherford Primary School Hall
Yummy weetbix
and milk

Have a great start to the day!

All welcome



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ATTENDANCE AT RUTHERFORD

Attending school every day unless sick makes a big difference to children's progress and social connection with their friends.

Our aim is to have all children at school at least 90% of the time. This means that children will have no more than 5 days off school each 10 week term. You will be contacted if attendance slips beyond 90%.

Please remember to contact us if your child is going to be absent. We need to code your child's roll according to the Ministry of Education's guidelines.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please:

Phone 834 5467

then press 1 to record your message and the reason for the absence.

Or text the school cellphone 022 324 3942

If the school is not informed of your child's absence/s they will be marked as truant. Please do not contact your child's teacher through seesaw or email, they will be teaching and may not see your messages.

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Please apply in writing to:

principal@rutherfordprimary.school.nz.

Please also let your child's teacher know.

Include the dates you will be absent. We will pre-code your child's attendance for those days.

These will be coded as an explained but unjustified absence.



LATE TO SCHOOL

Students who arrive after **8.50am MUST report to the school office to sign in.**



Please make your child aware that if they arrive after the bell has gone, they must report to the office to sign in avoiding the need to get in touch with parents.

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

The teacher and office staff must be informed and the child signed out before leaving the school grounds.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR DETAILS

It's really important to get in touch with you in an emergency. Please let us know any changes to your address, phone number or caregivers so we can keep our records up to date.



ezlunch.co.nz

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Helmets

Make sure you wear your helmet when riding your bike or scooter to school. Bikes and scooters must be walked across pedestrian crossings and in the school grounds.



Road safety

We remind you not to stop on yellow lines or drop off in driveways as this becomes a safety hazard for our children.

Parking

Parents and caregivers are permitted to park at the church on Old Te Atatu Road and walk the short distance to school. Please arrange a meeting spot after school with your child/ren.

The school carpark is for staff, visitors and contractors only.

Late to pick up your child/ren

Please phone the school office if you are stuck in traffic or are going to be late. We can arrange for your child to come to the office to wait for you. Siblings of Rutherford College students get picked up from the office.

Dropping off lunches, hats, drink bottles

Drop items into the office if your child has forgotten, and we will call for them to collect at an appropriate time. Sometimes they may be in another class or in the swimming pool.

ENVIROSCHOOLS LEARNING SUPPORT AIDE PROGRAMME

30 WEEKS FIXED TERM EMPLOYMENT

(excludes school holidays)

20 HOURS PER WEEK

The Enviroschools Learning Support Aide (ELSA) Programme is a “Return to the Workforce” programme for parents who currently receive the **Sole Parent Support benefit**. We are able to employ Enviroschools Learning Support Aides with positions available in **Arohanui Special School; Flanshaw Road School; or Rutherford Primary**. The work is during normal school hours.

The Enviroschools Learning Support Aides will work closely with the lead Enviroschools teachers and the school property manager to assist students to implement sustainability projects. These may include class gardens, vegetable gardens, sowing and germinating seeds, maintaining and improving areas, preparing cooking and preserving, outdoor art works, community projects and more. There will also be opportunities to work alongside students in related sustainability learning as well as cultural practices and performances. (See <https://enviroschools.org.nz> for further understanding around Enviroschools kaupapa). An interest in gardening and sustainability is desirable and a willingness to learn is essential!

Successful applicants will receive training in the Enviroschools kaupapa and related content including waste, horticulture, gardening and preparing food skills, pest control, biodiversity, energy and water conservation through a network of resources as well as from Enviroschools and Auckland Council Sustainable Schools. General learning support (teacher aide) skills will also be developed as an essential part of the role.

Feedback from 2023 programme participants:

Cree: *“Being a part of the ELSA program has been amazing. The amount of confidence I have gained, the new skills (communication, active listening, patience, flexibility etc) I have learned, all within a few months, are forever going to be with me and for that I am really grateful. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and it has changed my life for the better”.*

Emi: *“Thank you for giving me the opportunity. I truly wish I had known this program earlier. I love everything about the idea of solo mums getting trained and working within school hours, feeling useful, appreciated, and contributing to the community... This great program allows building a mentally, and financially healthier future for the solo mum family”.*

Inez: *“I could go on and on about how much I love my role... looking back, it's knowledge I didn't know I would be interested in to carry long term, as for now I don't see myself into any other role...To sum up how I feel now compared to induction week in February, I had no idea it would be so fulfilling to take part in the future of learning.....and I can trust myself and the abilities that I never knew I had. I appreciate this opportunity and all your support”.*

The positions are for a **30-week fixed term** period (excluding school holidays) commencing **Monday 11th March 2024** and finishing **15th November 2024**. The project is partially funded by Work and Income through the Ministry of Development Flexi-Wage Project in the Community. The rate of pay will be \$23.56 per hour (A Grade, Step 1 Teacher Aide Collective Agreement) plus holiday pay, KiwiSaver and ACC.

Please note: All successful applicants will be required to complete a satisfactory police vet and to be available for interviews during the week **Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February**.

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please collect an information pack from one of the school offices listed above or email margaret@isap.org.nz

Completed applications may be delivered to any of the school offices at the above schools or emailed to margaret@isap.org.nz

Applications close Friday 16th February at 12 noon.