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ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE



7 FEBRUARY 2023

Kia ora e te whānau, Greetings families

Welcome back. It is great to have our tamariki/children back at school. We are looking forward to an exciting year with lots of great things happening and excellent learning opportunities.

This week we have a pōwhiri scheduled for our new to Rutherford tamariki, families and staff on Thursday 9 February at 10am. Due to COVID disruptions, we have not been able to have a powhiri for some time. It is exciting to be able to once again participate in this important Rutherford tradition. If you have not yet attended a Rutherford pōwhiri you are welcome to join us as manuhiri (visitors).

As we always have, we invite all our families to attend as tangata whenua (existing members of the school community).

What's on Top? He aha kei runga?

Welcome to new staff

We are excited to welcome new staff members Kyreen Aw (Whaea Kai) to room 7, and Teana Lewis-Karepa (Whaea Teana) to room 4. They will both be an excellent addition to the Rutherford whānau.

Playground Relocation

The team working on the playground relocation worked really hard over the break and have managed to complete the brand new junior playground which will be ready for our year 0-3 learners this week. The weather disruptions we experienced have slowed the opening of the senior playground, which we hope will be able to be completed by the end of next week.

Building work at Rutherford

Our property projects are progressing well. We hope that we will be able to start enabling work on the new building later this year. We will keep you informed as timelines are set. The renovation of the Arohanui satellite classes at the Toru Street end of the school is going well.

Open Afternoon

On Thursday 16 February we will hold our annual start of the year open afternoon. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see your child's classroom. We will open our classrooms for the afternoon so your child/ren can show you around their class. From 4.30pm-6.30pm, we close our classes and our teachers will join families for games, and fun on the field and courts. We will have a sausage sizzle available, but you are also welcome to bring a picnic along.

NB: This is not an individual interview about your child's learning. If you would like to discuss anything about your child, this is a chance to make a future appointment with your child's class teacher.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Noho ora mai
Amanda Bennett
Tumuaki/Principal

Upcoming Events - Term 1

Thursday 9 February Pōwhiri @ 10am

Thursday 16 February Whānau Picnic and open afternoon

Thursday 23 February Kapa Haka and Kōtuku Rerengātahi trip to Te Matatini

Monday 27 February - March

Life Education visits for all classes

Tuesday 7 March Inter School Ultimate Frisbee for year 5 & 6's

Wednesday 8 March Whole school athletics day at Rutherford College

Wednesday 29 March Interschool Ki o Rahi tournament for year 5 & 6s

Tuesday 4 April Interschool athletics for year 5 & 6s

Thursday 6 April Last day of term 1

Friday 7 April Good Friday

Monday 24 April Staff Only Day

Tuesday 25 April ANZAC Day

Upcoming Events - Term 2

Wednesday 26 April - First day of Term 2



To Rutherford Primary School 2023

Ezra Turangakino-Tulisi, Liam and Jacob Clark, Jakobi O'Neill, Sid Reddy, Isaac Smith, Alexander Cave, Biemnet and Aldana Zeray, Arya, Mia and Jordan Hakaraia, Ezekiel Castillon, Reyaansh Anand, Kyler Ramirez, Kyro Bradley, DeAndre Toki, Te Kanapu and Te Rongomaiwhiti Ngawhika-Haira, Falaniko Penitito, Jordan Vellaidan, and DJ Ezekiel



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PB4L Focus

At the start of the school year it's always good to remind existing families about our school values and explain them for new families. Each week for the next four weeks we will explain one of the school values. Our school values underpin our behaviour management program. We use them to explain to children the ways we expect them behave here at Rutherford.

We acknowledge behaviours we expect to see with caught being good tickets and use our values as a learning framework to talk about ways we can act differently when things are not going so well.

This week we introduce the value of Turangawaewae



At Rutherford we describe Tūrangawaewae as having a strong sense of identity, being proud of her we are, and understanding where we come from and we are.

This could look like;

- Being proud of achievements
- Allowing others to share their achievements
- Being able to talk about my identity
- Sharing my strengths and knowing what I am good at
- Asking for help with things I need support with
- Acknowledging the efforts of others
- Knowing about where I live
- Being proud of my school and looking after it
- Being proud of where I live and looking after it.

Each week we will focus on one value and recognise those tamariki/children who are displaying that value. When we see children showing Tūrangawaewae we will give them a caught being good ticket. At the end of the week there will be a lucky draw for four students who were caught being good to receive a small prize.

- We will be sharing the following reminders with them;
- Be brave and share your ideas
- Look after the class and school
- Giving things a go

Huge thank-you to the Back-To-School Project who supplied 10 of our children with brand new school bags and stationery! Ka rawe!




MUSIC LESSONS AT SCHOOL!

The Music Education Centre offers specialist music tuition for a range of instruments including Piano, Guitar, Drums and more!

IT'S CONVENIENT!

Have your child's music lesson right at their school and give them the opportunity to develop their skills through our individualised lessons that're both fun and educational! Learning music supports all areas of learning through developing confidence, creativity, concentration and so much more!

To enrol, please visit bit.ly/MusicEducation2023



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DRUM LESSONS AT RUTHERFORD

Drumming has been shown to have multiple benefits including:

- Coordination of all four limbs which activates both sides of the brain simultaneously.
- Physical stimulation releases endorphins and encourages the release of negative emotions.
- Helps to develop both confidence and mindfulness.
- Lessons will occur once per week on Wednesdays during school hours.

Please contact Dylan Symonds on:
dylansymonds1@gmail.com
or phone 0211 487 145.



PARKING

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

We are permitted to park at the Baptist Church on Old Te Atatu Road.

Please park safely in and around our school.



Please help us plan. If you have a child turning 5 or know of a family that has a child turning 5 and is living in our school zone, please enrol now. If you need more information contact Diane by email: dianea@rutherfordprimary.school.nz.

Enrolment information is also available on our website.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

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

Phone 834 5467

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

Or Text 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 SCHOOL 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.



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12 DECEMBER 2022

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.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Sushi and Chicken on Rice are \$6
Subway 6 inch is \$6 and mini sub is \$4.50

MONDAY *SUSHI & BENTO*

6 pieces sushi - tuna, chicken or mixed.
Or teriyaki chicken on rice.

TUESDAY *CHICKEN ON RICE*

Peninsula Kitchen, chicken on rice - choice of sauce - bbq, tomato, hummas, mayo or none.

WEDNESDAY *SUBWAY*

Mini sub \$4.50 - 6 Inch sub \$6.00
Cookies \$1 each.

THURSDAY *SUSHI AMI*

6 pieces sushi - tuna, chicken, salmon or mixed.
Or teriyaki chicken on rice.

FRIDAY *SUSHI & BENTO*

6 pieces sushi - tuna, chicken or mixed.
Or teriyaki chicken on rice.

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.

Please remember that you are able to park at the church on Old Te Atatu Road and walk the short distance to school. In the afternoon children can be supported to walk to the church on the walking school bus and meet you there.

Walking School Bus

The walking school bus will be operating every afternoon this term.

Staff support children to walk to the church located on Old Te Atatū Road. There is plenty of parking in the church carpark which our families are welcome to use. Families can meet their children at the church to avoid congestion at the school gate.

The walking school bus children are called from class at 2.45pm and will begin walking to the church just before the end of school day bell goes. We will arrive at the church just after 2.50pm. Please be at the church ready to collect your children.

Only children who are booked in will be included on the walking school bus.

If you would like to book your child onto the bus, please call the school office on 834-5467 to make your booking



Change of Address Or Details?

Please let us know so we can keep our records up to date.