



Rutherford
Primary
School



10 February 2025
10 Hui-tanguru 2025

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU | GREETINGS EVERYONE

Kia ora e te whānau/Greetings families

Nau mai, haere mai ki wiki rua. Welcome to week 2 of term 1, 2025. I hope you had an enjoyable weekend. Thank you for your support of our staff only day. This day allowed our staff to spend time deepening their understanding of the new curriculum and preparing to deliver this to their classes.

We are still awaiting the delivery of the maths equipment for the Numicon maths program which is our chosen program. We will still be delivering maths lessons and our teachers will start by familiarising children with some of the activities while we wait for the program materials to arrive.

Last week, it was wonderful to welcome our new staff and whānau at our pōwhiri. This week we look forward to connecting with you all at the whānau open afternoon.

WHAT'S ON TOP? He aha kei runga?

Pōwhiri

Last week we welcomed 8 new staff and their whānau and 32 new tamariki and their whānau. It was a special occasion. Our tamariki were exceptional and showed real manaakitanga.

Thanks to our board members who were able to come and to Matua Malcolm who was our kaikōrero and Whaea Kathy and Kōkā Rayleen who were our kaikaranga.

Wishing everyone a fantastic term.

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

Noho ora mai
Amanda Bennett
Tumuaki/Principal



TO RUTHERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ella Banas, Angus Blair, Mia Franklin, Sophie Matafeo, Zohaib Ahmed, Ruby Foster, Gena Gwiazdzinski, Quinlan Whippy, Hoie Weng, Arian Kumar, Adhvik Kumar, Tumanako Tither, Ceezon Te Amo, Douglas Te Amo, Shakani Te Amo, Aaliyah Manuel, Emaan Mirzakhel, Sam Aalbers, Leah Van der walt, Israel Faapito, Sophia Fabiano, Azaelia Grainger, Lucian Wellington, Tekale T-Pole, Cassius Finai, Olivia Job, Neola Job, Leo Glamuzina, Altayvia Timoti, Meri Malcolm, Tu'i 'Eua Niu, Joshua Retimana-Leasi, Alison Loh, Deklyn Wilcox, Maddison Afamasaga, Lipakshi Kumar.

WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD THIS WEEK

I tēnei wiki - This Week

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| 12 February | Te Pā o te Kōtuku whānau hui |
| 13 February | Whānau open afternoon |

WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD LATER THIS TERM

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| 18 - 19 February | Cricket Awareness |
| 20 February | School athletics day |
| 25-26 February | Cricket Awareness |
| 4-5 March | Cricket Awareness |
| 7 March | NFL Flag Football |
| 9 April | Cluster Ki-o-Rahi |
| 10 April | End of term assembly |
| 11 April | Last day of Term 1 |

IMPORTANT DATES THIS YEAR

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| 28 April | Start of Term 2 |
| 2 June | King's Birthday |
| 20 June | Matariki holiday |
| 23 June | Ministry of Education Staff Only Day (School closed) |
| 27 June | End of Term 2 |
| 14 July | Start of Term 3 |
| 18 September | End of Term 3 |
| 19 September | Ministry of Education Staff Only Day |
| 6 October | Start of Term 4 |
| 27 October | Labour Day holiday |
| 17 December | Last Day of Term 4 |

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

Whanau Evening

3.10 - 6pm

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY

3.10 - 4.30 Meet your child's teacher and visit classroom

4.30 - 6.00pm Outdoor activities and sausage sizzle

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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| OVERALL TO DATE: | 90% | Of the 10% of children absent, |
| LAST WEEK: | 90% | 2.2% of those were absent due to illness. |
| LATE TO SCHOOL: | 0.8% | |



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GIVE A GO DAY

ROOSTERS HQ
15TH FEB

TE ATATU

12-4:30PM
ALL AGE GROUPS U6-U17S

FUN SKILLS & DRILLS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE, DRINKS & ICE BLOCKS*
FREE BOOT BIN PRIZE DRAWS

NO pressure, Meet the team, coaches, and club whānau and see what were about!
Returning and new whānau welcome. Info on joining for the season. available on the day.

*FREE FOR EVERY CHILD THAT REGISTERS OR REGISTERED



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 www.musiceducation.co.nz/pages/mis-enrolment



Get ready for school swimming

\$15 Lessons

Spike has \$15 swimming lessons for school age swimmers at Swimsation Te Atatu kicking off with the start of school.

Reserve your spot today
(09) 948 2414

They are aimed to help family budgets & ensure children in our community have a place to learn to swim and a place to cool down after a long, hot day at school.

For more information visit our website



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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 choose one of the following options:

- [Notify an absence through the Etap Parent Portal](#)
- [Phone 834 5467 and leave a message](#)
- [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.

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

Sushi Ami
Subway
Pita Pit

Mondays and Thursdays
Wednesdays
Tuesdays and Fridays

Menu items vary in price.

Orders made online only. No cash sales.
Orders close at 9am

IMPORTANT NOTICES



Helmets

Make sure your child wears a helmet when riding their 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 library to wait for you. Siblings of Rutherford College students get picked up from the library.

Dropping off lunches, hats, drink bottles

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