



Kia tiki ake te pai
ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE



12TH FEBRUARY 2021

Kia ora e te whānau / Greetings families

It has been wonderful to have the pool open this week. The children thoroughly enjoy their time in the pool. Thank you for making sure they come prepared with togs and towel and a bag to put their wet gear in.

We have a very busy term ahead and we are really looking forward to all the exciting learning and events coming up.

WHAT'S ON TOP

Spotlight on rubbish

We have noticed a significant increase of school rubbish which goes to landfill. A large amount of this rubbish is often lunch rubbish. To support our continued learning about rubbish and recycling, we are going to trial reducing the number of bins around the school. We will encourage children to sort their recycling in class bins and to dispose of waste responsibly by locating the bin for their block or popping any waste in their lunchboxes for disposal later.

Traffic on a Thursday

We have had two weeks now with the college finishing at the same time as us on a Thursday. It does increase the number of people on the street at that time. We remind you that you can pick your children up from the church carpark on Old Te Atatu Road and we will walk them up there. This way you miss the congestion at the gate. Please let us know if you would like your child to join the walking school bus.

Jubilee

This year is the school's 60th Jubilee. We are in the process of organising a celebration for this significant event. We will hold an open afternoon and afternoon tea on Friday 26 March. More information will come on this over the coming weeks.

This year is also Rutherford College's jubilee and our Kapa Haka group has been invited to support them with their celebration. We will be sending details about this shortly.

Eco Warriors

We have a very keen group of students who will be working on all things Eco this year. The first project for the year that they will be working on is to develop our school gardens, to get them looking fantastic for our jubilee. They would like to ask for any families who would like to make donations of plants which the children can plant and cultivate. They are looking for any of the following; - **Flowering plants** - **Veggie plants** - **Flax plants**.

They have requested not seedlings at this stage as the children want to be able to grow plants ready for the jubilee. If you are able to give support, please contact Ms de Bazin on taniad@rutherfordprimary.school.nz

Whanau Picnic

Next Thursday evening we have our start of year whānau picnic. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together. It is a time when children can show their new classrooms to the parents and families can connect with other families in their children classes. It is also an opportunity to say hi to your child's teacher. Parent - student - teacher conferences will take place later in the year.

We will have the pool open, a sausage sizzle and face painting available. We hope that you can all join us.

Ngā mihi
Amanda Bennett

TERM 1 SCHOOL EVENTS

THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
Whanau Picnic

TUESDAY 2ND MARCH
Cluster Softball

WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH
Rutherford Athletics Day

THURSDAY 25TH MARCH
Cluster Athletics

FRIDAY 26 MARCH
Jubilee Open Afternoon

FRIDAY 2ND APRIL
Easter Friday

MONDAY 5TH APRIL
Easter Monday

TUESDAY 6TH APRIL
Easter Tuesday (school closed)

WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL
Ki o rahi tournament

FRIDAY 16TH APRIL
End of Term 1

TUESDAY 8 JUNE
NZEI staff only day - school closed

MONDAY 23 AUGUST
NZEI staff only day - school closed

MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER
NZEI staff only day - school closed



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Whānau Picnic

Thursday 18 February 2021

3.30pm - 6.00pm

Classes will be open between 3.30pm and 4.30pm

Come along and have a look at your children's learning space and meet their teacher and then bring a mat and a picnic dinner and join other family members for a picnic on the field.

From 4.30pm classes will be shut and teachers will join whānau.

Sports equipment, and games will be available.

There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks and ice blocks for sale.

There will be face painting for a gold coin donation.

~ WE WILL HAVE THE SCHOOL POOL OPEN FROM 4PM - 6PM ~

Children must be supervised by an adult over 18 years of age in the pool.

We look forward to coming together as a school community.



Welcome to Rutherford Primary School

Riley Nixon, Gabriel Watson, Jamilee Ngoun, Ezra Peake,
Sophia and Dean Williamson, Alexis Buckett, Fizzy Hunter,
Alexis Buckett, Sophie Powell, Adam O'Donnell, Aubrey White,
Jacob Yerro, Gabriel Ceronio, Saachi Reddy, Chloe Chong,
Posey Sullivan, Jason Yang, Elijay Turangakino-Tulisi, Aliana Leti,
Jordan Edwards, Wairu Whaiapu-Saunders,
Logan and Addison Coetzee, Cali Malo, Audrey Tapana,
Miriam Samasoni, Tyrese Bradley, Molly Stephenson
and Kellyn Lockwood.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

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

Phone 834 5467

(then press 1 to record your message)

Or Text 022 324 3942

If the school is not informed of your child's absence/s they will be marked as truant.

LATE TO SCHOOL

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

EARLY PICK UP

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.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

It's great to see our children want to still be here after school when they've had a busy learning day!

Children that want to play after school must have a caregiver with them to supervise.

If you are going to be late to pick up your child/ren please call the office and we will get the message to them.

HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM

Please apply in writing to office@rutherfordprimary.school.nz, include the dates you will be absent. We will pre-code your child's attendance for those days.

SCHOOL LUNCHES \$5

MONDAY	<i>SUSHI & BENTO</i>
TUESDAY	<i>CHICKEN ON RICE</i>
WEDNESDAY	<i>PITA PIT</i>
THURSDAY	<i>SUSHI AMI</i>
FRIDAY	<i>SUBWAY (\$5.50)</i>