



Rutherford
Primary
School



24 February 2025
24 Hui-tanguru 2025

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU | GREETINGS EVERYONE

Kia ora e te whānau/Greetings families

Nau mai, haere mai ki wiki whā. Welcome to week 4 of term 1, 2025. Last week we had a fantastic athletics day. These events really showcase the strength of community we have. This week I am away at Matatani in Ngāmotu/New Plymouth supporting our community group Te Poho o Hinekahukura. We are very fortunate to have our very own Matua Jeff performing with this group, along with a number of our school whānau past and present. Our school community wishes them all the best. They will be performing at 3.31pm on Thursday 27 February. You can watch them along with all the other fantastic performances on TV 2, TVNZ plus and Māori TV.

While I am away Catherine Collins will be deputising in my absence.

WHAT'S ON TOP? He aha kei runga?

Drop Off and Pick Up

A reminder that the carparks on both Kotuku Street (front of the school) and Toru Street (back of the school) are for staff parking only. We appreciate that street parking is limited but for the safety of our children we must insist that you pick your children up outside of the school grounds. We have duty teachers who assist children to get to you safely. Please think about child safety when you park and park legally.

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

Noho ora mai
Amanda Bennett
Tumuaki/Principal



WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD THIS WEEK

I tēnei wiki - This Week

25 - 26 February Cricket Awareness

WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD LATER THIS TERM

4-5 March	Cricket Awareness
7 March	NFL Flag Football
11 March	Kuaka Trip to Auckland ZOO
9 April	Cluster Ki-o-Rahi
10 April	End of term assembly
11 April	Last day of Term 1
28 April	Start of Term 2

IMPORTANT DATES THIS YEAR

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.



TO RUTHERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Lakshya Jayesh and Indie-Rose Akaiti

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE:	89%	Of the 11% of children absent,
LATE TO SCHOOL:	2.2%	6.3% of those were absent due to illness.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT RUTHERFORD

I tērā wiki - Last week

Cricket Awareness

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, we were fortunate to have **Jess and Anika from Auckland Cricket** at school, delivering free **Cricket Awareness** skill sessions. These engaging sessions focused on:

- **Fun and Enjoyment** – Encouraging students to play, develop values, and experience the social benefits of sport.
- **Fundamental Movement Skills** – Teaching key movement skills essential for lifelong physical activity.
- **Active and Healthy Lifestyles** – Helping students build a love for staying active with friends and whānau.
- **Cricket Knowledge** – Maximizing participation with more hits, touches, catches, and action to make learning fun.

The sessions will **continue over the next two weeks**, giving students more opportunities to develop their skills and confidence in cricket.

A huge thank you to **Waitākere Cricket Club** for nominating our school for this fantastic programme and to **Auckland Cricket** for making it happen. Our students are loving it!



OUR VALUES, THE RUTHERFORD WAY



When children complete their Rutherford Way bucket or Tally chart with 25 stickers or ticks, they get a certificate and a reward for showing the Rutherford values of manaakitanga, whanaungatanga, tūrangawaewae and ako.



Congratulations to our school value superstars! Zoe, Charlie, Mireya and Angus. Room 1 were the classroom winners (Raiden). Thanks also to our student leaders, Natat and Zoë.

THIS WEEKS SCHOOL VALUE - MANAAKITANGA

We include others in our play and groups.

We look after plants in our school.

We hang our bags properly and tidily.




GF & vegetarian options

ORDER school lunches ONLINE...

delivered to school

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

Athletics Day

Last Thursday, our students brought their energy and enthusiasm to Athletics Day at Rutherford College! It was a fantastic day filled with impressive performances, teamwork, and school spirit. A huge thank you to all the participants, supporters, and staff who made the event a success.

We would also like to express our gratitude to **Rutherford College** for allowing us to use their field and to their **sports committee and student prefects** who helped out on the day. Your support and assistance made a huge difference, and we truly appreciate it.

Congratulations to everyone who gave it their best—whether sprinting, jumping, throwing, or cheering from the sidelines. We look forward to even more excitement next year!

