



Kia tiki ake te pai
ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE



26TH FEBRUARY 2021

FROM OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It was a busy start to the year for the board on Tuesday. We welcomed our new board members Jeff Ruha and Ingrid Papau as well as deputy principal Catherine Collins. We approved the school's planning for the 2021 year including the annual plan and budget. This is the final year of our three year strategic plan, and later in 2021 we will prepare our strategic plan for the 2022-2025 years.

As you know we are a growing school and we have two building projects on the horizon to provide additional teaching spaces. The existing library space (at the opposite end of the block where classrooms 4 to 7 and 16 are located) will be modified to create a teaching space. An application has been made to the Council for consent and this work will happen in the next few months. The Ministry has also approved five new teaching spaces in a new purpose built building. Design work is occurring this year with construction in 2022. We expect this new building to be open for the 2023 school year.

We'd like to thank the community for their support through the recent, thankfully short-lived, return to home learning. Amanda and the staff did a fabulous job given the short notice to both close school due to Level 3 and then reopen it again a few days later with just as little notice. Thank you for your co-operation as we moved between the alert levels, and let's hope that will be all our lockdowns for 2021.

Your Board of Trustees,

Barb, Ed, Christine, Ingrid, Jeff, Malcolm and Petra.

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU / GREETINGS FAMILIES

It has been a fantastic week at Rutherford Primary. Room 14 had a wonderful time at Orangahina - Harbourview People's Park yesterday. The children have really enjoyed being able to experience both indoor and outdoor learning with the fine weather continuing.

The swimming pool has certainly been appreciated this week during the warm days. Yesterday we were fortunate to have our very new school choir entertain us at assembly. This year assemblies will be held on Thursdays. End of term assembly dates will be announced shortly.

After careful consideration we have decided not to go ahead with the whānau picnic this term. We are hoping to have some community events later in the year.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi
Amanda Bennett

TERM 1 SCHOOL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH
Project Wy meeting 6.30pm

TUESDAY 9 MARCH
Cluster Softball

WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH
Rutherford Athletics Day

SUNDAY 21 MARCH
Brick Show Fundraiser
Krypton Factor

TUESDAY 23 MARCH
Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm

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



**Welcome to Rutherford
Primary School**
Riley Prior
and Franco Casey



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RUTHERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

60th Jubilee

OPEN DAY

Friday 26th March 9am—1pm
Kai o te ata/Morning tea at 11am
Nau Mai Haere Mai
Come along and reminisce



Rutherford Primary **BRICK SHOW**

Sunday 21 March
10am - 4pm

The All Blocks LEGO User Group will be displaying in our school hall an amazing range of their creations and collections at this very special event for LEGO lovers young and old. There will be opportunities to build and create and simply stand and marvel at a whole range of LEGO constructions from historic sets through to the latest buzzes.

Hot and cold refreshments will be available throughout the day.

This is a fundraiser event to raise money for our school's technology resources. We are looking for parent helpers on the day and to prepare the refreshments for sale, please phone Michelle in the office on 834 5467 or send an email to office@rutherfordprimary.school.nz.

Whanau Reading

We are looking for volunteers to read with our tamariki, if you have an hour or two to spend in the mornings during the week, please contact the office on 834 5467, office@rutherfordprimary.school.nz or just pop in to find out more.



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.



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AFTER SCHOOL at RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

TUESDAYS 3:10pm - 4:00pm

www.rugasoc.co.nz [facebook.com/rugasoc/](https://www.facebook.com/rugasoc/)

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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>