



Rutherford
Primary
School



4 MARCH 2024
4 Poutū-te-rangi 2024

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU/GREETINGS FAMILIES

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to week 5 of term 1, 2024.

Last week we had a hugely successful athletics day. Thank you to all the families who were able to come and watch. Thanks also to Paul O'Leary-Ryan for his organization, Gill Bloxham and her team of students from Rutherford College. We are extremely fortunate to have this wonderful collaborative relationship with the secondary school.

I also need to extend a thank you to all the staff for their work on the day.

Thank You

WHAT'S ON TOP? *He aha kei runga?*

Ongoing parking issues

Every day I have families commenting on the poor parking on Kotuku Street. I completely agree and would like to acknowledge those who park legally. A reminder that with the exception of a few spots at either end of the road, most of the road is yellow lines. This is to keep visibility of the school crossing clear.

There is plenty of parking on Old Te Atatu Road and The Baptist Church kindly lets us use their carpark.

I regularly get asked what we are doing about those who park on yellow lines. We have spoken with Rutherford College, Auckland Transport and our Police liaison person about this issue. If you are concerned about parking, please contact Auckland Transport on 09 355 3553 and report your concerns.

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

I tēnei wiki - This Week

- 4 March Better Start Literacy whānau hui for year 1 whānau
- 6 March Easter Raffle goes on sale
- 7 March School athletics day assembly

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

- 11-13 March Years 4-6 North Harbour Softball
- 13 March Interschool Athletics (yrs 5-6)
- 14 March Children's building site visit
- 19-20 March Years 3-4 Bat First Cricket
- 24 March Krypton Factor
- 27 March Year 6 Future Leaders Day
- 29 March-2 April Easter (School opens Wednesday 3 April)
- 3 April Interschool Ki o Rahi (yrs 5-6)
- 6 April Kōtuku Rerengātahi performance
Oceans & Origins Kids art festival
- 12 April End of Term 1
- 29 April Start of Term 2

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

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

- 6 March Easter Raffle Tickets On Sale
- 28 March Easter Raffle Drawn
- 8 September Brick Show

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- OVERALL TO DATE: **91%** Of the 10% of children absent, 5.7% of those were absent due to illness.
- LAST WEEK: **90%**
- LATE TO SCHOOL: **1.4%**

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and all the nooks" - Dr Seuss

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Easter Raffle



Tickets only \$2

Be in to win an Easter Hamper!

Closing Date for entries 27th March at 3pm
Prizes drawn 28th March at 12noon
Winners will be notified by phone/email

Please help us by donating an Easter treat.
An Easter egg, chocolate, soft toy or arts and crafts. The more treats we receive the more hampers we can make!

Please take all donations to your classroom teacher.

Raising funds for School Beautification and more!



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT RUTHERFORD

I tēra wiki - Last week



Rutherford Primary Athletics Day

Wednesday saw Rutherford Primary make their way to Rutherford College for our Annual whole school athletics day.

The College students had been working hard from 7:30am to ensure that the field was all set up for lots of running, jumping and throwing!

As we made our way to the bleachers at the College field the children could be heard declaring their amazement at the size of the field and being able to see the motorway. That wonder was soon to be replaced with excitement and a little apprehension as they prepared for and took part in the events of the day!

After a welcome from the College, which included an introduction to the "Coconut Song" dance for many of our athletes, it was time to get started.

Our youngest learners spent the day participating in "Get, Set, Go" activities, which, through fun names and a range of equipment, aim to teach them some of the fundamentals of throwing and jumping, for distance. They also got a chance to show off their superspeed with a 30m dash and a 60m sprint.

Our older learners were challenged a little more, but the aim was still for them to have a fun day, with more traditional athletics activities. Throwing a discus and shot put, jumping long and high. They also got to pound the track in 60m and 100m sprints, as well as a "just for fun" 400m run, if they wanted to. Some of the feedback from these athletes was; "loved being able to show how good I was at an event", "loved the support of my friends", "the college kids were helpful and friendly" and "great that parents were able to come and watch."

The peak of the day was the track events finals, where the 8 fastest runners in each event at each year level got to test their speed against each other. This is always a highlight of any athletics event and it didn't disappoint at the Rutherford Primary Athletics Day!

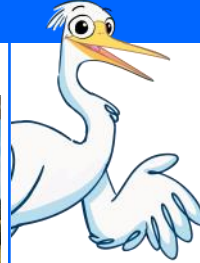
A huge congratulations to all our finalists and winners, you were all amazing!

The final act of the day was to thank Rutherford College for their support and help with hosting our amazing event and that came in the form of a rousing kotuku haka, from both schools.

I would like to add my thanks to all the RPS staff who contributed to the day in so many ways, to the College and in particular Gill and her sports committee and of course all of our amazing tamariki who showed great courage and resilience throughout the day.

Paul O'Leary-Ryan

CAUGHT BEING GOOD



Congratulations to the following children who were caught being good last week:

- Everley Slade
- Soane Fonua
- Ian Chai
- Twila Badger
- Jamie Ata



This week our focus is to *Walk and Talk our school value Manaakitanga*



We will:

- Discuss the concept of manaakitanga.
- Discuss how manaakitanga looks like, feels like and sounds like in our classrooms and outside.
- Recognise children who walk and talk manaakitanga and reward and praise them.

WHANAU READERS NEEDED

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS!

Can you spare any time or day during the week to help our tamariki?

We need volunteers to listen to our tamariki read.

If you are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 9:15 and 10:30 please let Arlene know at

arlenec@rutherfordprimary.school.nz



DENTAL SERVICES



The Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) is a Te Whatu Oraoperated service, which provides **FREE dental care to children across greater Auckland.**

To find out more information about ARDS, please visit ards.co.nz or call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583).



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ATHLETICS DAY STORIES

I went to Athletics Day. I did bean bag throw then I did the spoon and egg race. After that I did an obstacle course. Then I did races. It was fun and felt excited. I won the race and I came third place. My heart was beating so fast, I was so fast that I was at the speed of light. I got so tired, I was just so sweaty and when I was running I had butterflies in my tummy.

Alistair - Year 2

Yesterday I went to Athletics Day. Firstly we went on the sprinting track. When I got to the end there were people timing how fast we went. When I first got onto the track I had butterflies in my tummy, but then when I was running the butterflies went away. When I was running I felt speedy.

Then I went to play some activities, one of them was sack racing. It was really tricky. The second activity was the egg and spoon race, you had to balance the egg on the spoon. Then we did the finals. I was in both finals.

Finally we went back to class and had calm music while we played.

Jocelyn - Year 3

Yesterday it was Athletics Day. Firstly I was on the track, it was incredible. I felt super when the clappers went, I loved it so much but I had more in stock.

We went to the bean bag racing. It was quite hard to not fall over or trip over. After that we did the egg and spoon race, it was hard to keep the egg on the spoon, it fell off a few times but that was okay.

Finally we got to do parachute. The balls kept hitting me in the head. Last it was the finals and I was in it. I felt really proud.

Autumn - Year 3



Lunch at Rutherford



We encourage 'nude lunch boxes' that contain a minimum or no food packaging. Any food packaging your child brings to school will come home again in their lunchbox at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support.



8.30am

Rutherford Primary School Hall
**Yummy weetbix
and milk**

Have a great start to the day!

All welcome



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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.



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| Sushi Ami | Mondays and Thursdays |
| Subway | Wednesdays |
| Pita Pit | Tuesdays and Fridays |

Menu items vary in price.

Orders made online only. No cash sales.

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 office to wait for you. Siblings of Rutherford College students get picked up from the office.

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.