



**KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU | GREETINGS EVERYONE**

Kia ora e te whānau/Greetings families

Nau mai, haere mai ki wiki rima. Welcome to week 5 of term 1, 2025. Last week our community group Te Poho o Hinekahukura performed at Matatini. What a wonderful way to represent our community. The staff were able to watch their performance after school in the staff room together. It was wonderful to watch such a moving performance and to see our school whanau past and present, we are excited to welcome them back today.

We've had such hot weather last week all the children have really enjoyed their time in the pool, thank you to Aaron and Riana for all their work to keep our pool in such great condition.

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

**Playtime Activities**

We'd like to thank our staff who are supporting our tamariki by providing breaktime activities. Check the activities on the next two pages of this newsletter. This and other posters are going up around the school to promote the activities, some of which are on daily and others weekly. If your child is interested, please remind them in the morning which event is on, so they can join in.

Catherine Collins  
Deputy Principal



**HOT WHEELS CLUB IN ACTION**

**WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD THIS WEEK**

*I tēnei wiki - This Week*

- 4 - 5 March Cricket Awareness
- 6 March Lockdown Exercise/Practice
- 7 March NFL Flag Football

**WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD LATER THIS TERM**

- 4-5 March Cricket Awareness
- 12 March Cluster Athletics
- 25 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

**IMPORTANT DATES THIS YEAR**

- 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.



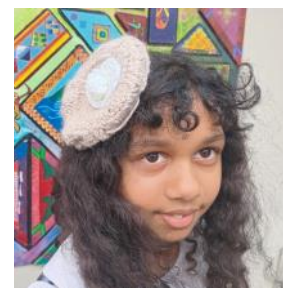
**FOCUS ON LEARNING**

**Values in action ... at school - Manaakitanga**

Thank you to room 3 students who always use their manners when delivering messages to the office.

**.... Outside of school - AKO**

It is wonderful to see how talented our students are. Susan is learning to crochet. We love your fabulous flower headband Susan.




If your child has shown the school values outside of school, please let us know so we can acknowledge them.



# Guess what's on at Morning Tea?




**Dance in ruma 5:**  
**Whaea Margret**  
**On Monday**




**Badminton in the hall:**  
**Matua Shaun**  
**On Tuesday and Wednesday**




**Gutter Ball in the hall:**  
**Whaea Bella**  
**every day**



**Ukulele in room 7:**  
**Nicole and Mrs Skudder**  
**on Tuesday**




**Netball on the courts:**  
**Whaea Lee**  
**every day**




**Bollywood club in room 5:**  
**Whaea Ashika**  
**on Thursday**



**Active games outside Moa:**  
**Whaea Shareen**  
**every day**



**Guitar in Huia:**  
**Mr Burton**  
**on Wednesday**



**Library every day**



**Table Tennis in the hall:**  
**Matua Shaun**  
**Monday's and Wednesday**




## Guess what's on at Lunch?



Lego deck by  
room 3:  
Whaea Sarah  
every day



Large games  
outside the  
library:  
Whaea Sharon  
every day




Hotwheels in  
room 4:  
Matua Jamie  
on Thursday



Crochet in room 3:  
Whaea Meera &  
Whaea Hannah on  
Friday



Chinese club in  
room 3:  
Miss Kai on  
Thursday



Library every day



Eco Warriors:  
Whaea Vikki on  
Tuesday



Eco  
corner/Ngahere:  
Whaea Shaz on  
Tuesday



## RUTHERFORD PRIMARY END OF YEAR ACHIEVEMENT DATA

Collected November 2024

### READING



78% boys  
83% girls  
72% NZ Māori  
76% Pasifika  
90% NZ European  
79% Asian  
84% Other

### WRITING

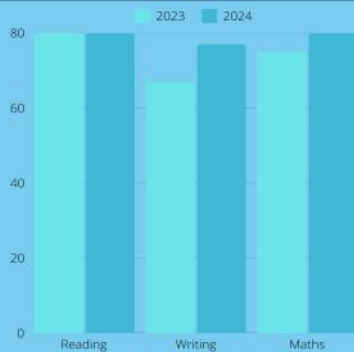


71% boys  
83% girls  
64% NZ Māori  
71% Pasifika  
88% NZ European  
80% Asian  
79% Other

### MATHS



80% boys  
80% girls  
65% NZ Māori  
72% Pasifika  
91% NZ European  
84% Asian  
95% Other



### Progress 2023-2024

**Reading**  
2023 total at or above 80%  
2024 total at or above 80%

**Writing**  
2023 total at or above 67%  
2024 total at or above 77%

**Maths**  
2023 total at or above 75%  
2024 total at or above 80%

We continue to see progress across all curriculum areas. We are particularly pleased with the gains in Writing.

In 2025, We will be extending structured literacy to the senior school (year 4-6) and introducing the Numicon structured maths program across the school. We continue to support professional learning for staff to ensure we are embedding consistent and effective teaching practices.

### 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! Eleanor, Marco, Jessie, Molly and Temujin. Room 1, 6, Moa and Ruru were the classroom winners. Thanks also to our student leaders, Emma and Teoge.

### THIS WEEKS SCHOOL VALUE - MANAAKITANGA

We look after our resources in our classrooms.

We keep our bags and shoes tidy.

We pick up rubbish around our areas.



GF & vegetarian options

**ORDER school lunches ONLINE...**

delivered to school

[ezlunch.co.nz](http://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



# JUNIOR MUSTERS



## FRIDAY 28 FEB & 7 MARCH:

U11 - U12 MIXED: 5:30 - 6:30 PM  
U13 - U15 MIXED: 6:30 - 8 PM  
U13 - U16 GIRLS: 6:30 - 8 PM

## SUNDAY 2 & 9 MARCH:

U9 - U12 GIRLS: 4 - 5 PM  
U9 - U10 MIXED: 5 - 6 PM  
U17 - U19: 6 - 7.30 PM

## FRIDAY 14 MARCH:

U8 WJF: 5:30 - 6:30 PM



TE ATATU AFC  
39, NEIL AVE, TE ATATU PENINSULA

# REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2025 SEASON  
FIRST KICKS | JUNIOR | YOUTH | SENIOR

[www.teatatufootball.org](http://www.teatatufootball.org)

# Fresh Fish Auction Saturday 8th March

All proceeds go to



Child  
cancer  
FOUNDATION

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



### 4pm START

TE ATATU BOATING CLUB  
32 BRIDGE AVE, TE ATATU

BARFOOT THOMPSON &



Sell with your local experts  
Team Lisa 021 877 067

BARFOOT THOMPSON  
Rodger 0274 937 989



# INNER HARBOUR FISHING COMP

## 2025

## SATURDAY 8th MARCH

TICKETS \$30 - AVAILABLE FROM

TE ATATU BOATING CLUB

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- FISHING COMMENCES 6am
- LIVE MUSIC FROM 2pm
- WEIGH-IN OPENS 1:30pm - 3:30pm sharp
- CHARITY FISH AUCTION FROM 4pm
- PRIZE GIVING FROM 5:30pm
- Thousands in prizes to be won

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