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28 FEBRUARY 2023

Kia ora e te whānau, Greetings families

Welcome to week 5 of the term. I hope that all of our families got through the very heavy rain on Friday without too much impact. It is a timely reminder about how changeable the weather can be in Auckland. Please make sure that your children come to school prepared for all kinds of weather including wet weather gear, a change of clothes and warm clothes.

**What's on Top? He aha kei runga?**

***Paid Union Meetings***

NZEI has called for paid union meetings for all union staff. These meetings are to be held today, Tuesday 28 February. We have arranged that our teachers will be able to attend one of two meetings by arranging internal cover. There will be no need for us to close the school. We will need to split some of our classes. This means that your child may be in a different class or have a different teacher for a small portion of the day today. Thank you for your support with this.

***Vandalism***

Recently we have been experiencing some low level vandalism at school particularly on the weekends. We believe this is caused by young people who do not attend our school. If you are at school on the weekend and you see anyone behaving in a way that may cause damage to the school, can you please email us with a description of the people you see, including the location and what they were doing. Thanks to those who look out for our school.

***Arohanui Work***

The work at the Arohanui Satellite classes is progressing really well. Thanks for your patience, we have tried to keep disruption at the back gate to a minimum. Shortly they will be starting work on a canopy near the back of the building. This will require access to larger trucks. The trucks will not move during drop off times and if they do need to, it will be with a spotter in place.

***Reporting***

This year we will be reporting each term on one area of the broader curriculum. This term we will be sharing the learning children have done in Social Sciences. We want to share with you all the great learning your children are doing at school. We will share more information in the coming weeks about what this reporting will look like.

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

Noho ora mai  
Amanda Bennett  
Tumuaki/Principal

**What's coming up at Rutherford**

**I tēnei wiki - This Week**

**28 February** - Road Patrol refresher training

**28 February** - Paid union meetings

**Upcoming Events - Term 1**

**Monday 27 February - March**

Life Education visits for all classes

**Tuesday 7 March**

Inter School Ultimate Frisbee for year 5 & 6's

**Wednesday 8 March**

Whole school athletics day at Rutherford College

**Wednesday 29 March**

Interschool Ki o Rahi tournament for year 5 & 6s

**Tuesday 4 April**

Interschool athletics for year 5 & 6s

**Thursday 6 April**

Last day of term 1

**Friday 7 April**

Good Friday

**Monday 24 April**

Staff Only Day

**Tuesday 25 April**

ANZAC Day

**Upcoming Events - Term 2**

**Wednesday 26 April** - First day of Term 2

**26 to 28th April** - Bigfoot Bike Skills (yrs 5/6)

**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. This means that children will have no more than 5 days off school each 10 week term

Last week our school wide attendance was: **93%**



**To Rutherford Primary School 2023**

Hamish Lockwood, Tupu Niu, Viyaan Chaudhary, Caesar Pascoe



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## PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning) Focus

At the start of the school year it's always good to remind existing families about our school values and explain them for new families. Each week for the next four weeks we will explain one of the school values. Our school values underpin our behaviour management program. We use them to explain to children the ways we expect them to behave here at Rutherford.

We acknowledge behaviours we expect to see with caught being good tickets and use our values as a learning framework to talk about ways we can act differently when things are not going so well.

At Rutherford we describe whanaungatanga as nurturing our community spirit by making positive connections with others celebrating our diverse strengths.

### This week we introduce the value of Whanaungatanga



This could look like;

- including/inviting everyone in play
- celebrating friend's wins
- playing our part in a team
- sharing our strengths

We talk to the children about;

- Celebrating the success of others by congratulating others, listening when others are sharing
- Participating to the best of their ability and giving everything a go
- Ways they recognise the strengths of others and allowing others to take the lead and share their strengths.

## What's been happening at Rutherford I tēra wiki - Last week

- Kapa Haka and Kōtuku Rerengātahi trip to Te Matatini
- Te Kōhanga ō Kūaka (Rooms 1, 2, 3, & 4) Teddy Bears Picnic



## Whaea Amanda's Win of the week

- Taking 52 tamariki to Te Matatini and seeing their excitement at being at a huge festival.
- Reading with children in classes and seeing how clever our tamariki are. Today I built bridges with a group of children in room 3 after we read an article about building bridges. They asked some great questions.

### Kapa Haka and Kōtuku Rerengātahi trip to Te Matatini

Last Thursday we took 52 tamariki to Te Matatini at Ngā Ana Wai (Eden Park). It was tino wera (very hot), but an incredible day. Our tamariki got to experience Kapa Haka of a national standard. They were immersed in Te reo Māori throughout the day. A highlight for the tamariki (aside from the double decker bus) was the many stalls selling various merchandise and providing games and activities, all with a Te Ao Māori focus.



A highlight for me was when our tamariki did the Kōtuku Haka for a nearby reporter and the onlooking crowd.

The pride was oozing out of our young people. I want to express a huge thank you to the staff and parent helpers who came on the day.



We couldn't have done it without you. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.



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Tue 21st February



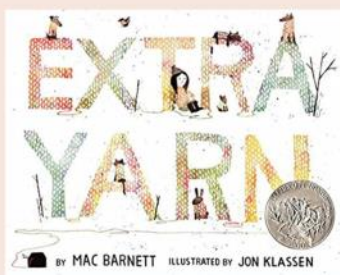
Room 17 and 21 worked with me for their first STEM session (these happen once a term). The children listened to the story 'Extra Yarn'. This is a story about creating a social good. This supports the school Term 1 concept learning of Whanaungatanga.

Creating for social good means that we can use our own talents to make things that can help other people. Just like Annabel in the story used knitting to make sweaters for people and animals and things. We explored what talents we have and how we can share kindness with others through these talents.

We finger-knitted and created a woven bracelet. While making these we explored many curriculum areas focusing on maths and technology.

Under the curriculum of technology we focused on learning skills of computational thinking for digital technologies. Computational thinking enables students to express problems and formulate solutions in ways that means a computer (an information processing agent) can be used to solve them. We did this offline while knitting. The children had to work through step-by-step instructions (algorithmic thinking), identify errors, and correct them (simple debugging).

Jemima





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## 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.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

**Sushi and Chicken on Rice are \$6**  
**Subway 6 inch is \$6 and mini sub is \$4.50**

### MONDAY *SUSHI & BENTO*

6 pieces sushi - tuna, chicken or mixed.  
Or teriyaki chicken on rice.

### TUESDAY *CHICKEN ON RICE*

Peninsula Kitchen, chicken on rice - choice of sauce - bbq, tomato, hummas, mayo or none.

### WEDNESDAY *SUBWAY*

Mini sub \$4.50 - 6 Inch sub \$6.00  
Cookies \$1 each.

### THURSDAY *SUSHI AMI*

6 pieces sushi - tuna, chicken, salmon or mixed.  
Or teriyaki chicken on rice.

### FRIDAY *SUSHI & BENTO*

6 pieces sushi - tuna, chicken or mixed.  
Or teriyaki chicken on rice.

## Helmets

Make sure you wear your helmet when riding your 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.

Please remember that you are able to park at the church on Old Te Atatu Road and walk the short distance to school. In the afternoon children can be supported to walk to the church on the walking school bus and meet you there.

## Walking School Bus

The walking school bus will be operating every afternoon this term.

Staff support children to walk to the church located on Old Te Atatū Road. There is plenty of parking in the church carpark which our families are welcome to use. Families can meet their children at the church to avoid congestion at the school gate.

The walking school bus children are called from class at 2.45pm and will begin walking to the church just before the end of school day bell goes. We will arrive at the church just after 2.50pm. Please be at the church ready to collect your children.

Only children who are booked in will be included on the walking school bus.

If you would like to book your child onto the bus, please call the school office on 834-5467 to make your booking



## Change of Address Or Details?

Please let us know so we can keep our records up to date.