



**Rutherford
Primary
School**



10 March 2025
10 Poutū-te-rangi 2025

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU | GREETINGS EVERYONE

Kia ora e te whānau/Greetings families

Nau mai, haere mai ki wiki ono. Welcome to week 6 of term 1, 2025. It was great to be back last week after a week at Matatini. I enjoyed hearing from the children about all the great learning they had been doing.

We are excited to let you know that our Numicon resources have finally arrived. While it will still take some time to sort through the resources, Ashika Kumar (our maths lead) has done a great job getting some resources into classes. We are still waiting on some on back order, but you will hear your children talking about this equipment as they start using it. In an upcoming newsletter we will share some further information about Numicon and we are planning a curriculum information session in the future.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please reach out to their teacher.

WHAT'S ON TOP? [He aha kei runga?](#)

School Start Time

I want to acknowledge the many parents who work hard to get their children to school on time. It truly makes a big difference to a child's day if they have time in the morning to connect with their friends, settle into the school environment and put their belongings away before the start of the school day. Last week only 2% of children were late for school. This means that 98% or 301 of 308 students were on time. This week we will be reaching out to those families with children who are consistently late for school.

Toys at School

Many of you will have seen our notice last week advising that children are not able to bring toys to school from today. There are many reasons for this which include;

- Disruption to learning time (children playing with toys during learning time)
- Disagreements between children
- Children taking other children's toys
- Children's toys getting damaged

We have many options for breaktime activities which are a mix of independent child led play and structured activities. These were shared in last week's newsletter and again this week.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that children do not bring toys from home to school.

Eco Corner Working Bee

This weekend we have a working bee in our Eco Corner at school. This is a very important resource for our school. It is an outdoor classroom for our Eco learning program along with a place where all classes can work in throughout the term. We will be spreading some mulch that has been donated and tidying up the area. We invite anyone who is able to come along and support us on **Saturday 15 March from 9am to 12pm**. A sausage sizzle will be provided.

Amanda Bennett, Tumuaki

WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD THIS WEEK

I tēnei wiki - This Week

12 March	Cluster Athletics (selected students)
15 March	Ngahere working bee

WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD LATER THIS TERM

25 March	Kuaka Trip to Auckland ZOO
1 April	Cluster Softball
7 April	Auckland Museum visiting Kuaka classes
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
2 June	King's Birthday
20 June	Matariki holiday

IMPORTANT DATES THIS YEAR

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

Isaac Fletcher

ATTENDANCE

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:	91%	Of the 9% of children absent, 4.9% of those were absent due to illness.
LATE TO SCHOOL:	2%	



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BREAKTIME ACTIVITIES

Challenges in the ECO corner at lunchtimes on Tuesdays!

Tamariki come to the Ngahere to complete some fun challenges!

They have been recognizing our fruit trees by estimating the count of fruit from the chosen fruit trees, taking care of the Ngahere (watering), picking the grass inside the fruit trees then adding mulch. Some tamariki were finding bugs on plants and see if they could name them!

There have been a lot of good korero's and mahi happening within the Ngahere!

We also invited our garden Queen Riana to join us!

Ka Pai! - Shelly



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!
Taimārō, Liam Hoie, Lipakshi and our winning classes were Room, 2 Huia B, Ruru A and room 4!

THIS WEEKS SCHOOL VALUE - MANAAKITANGA

We look after our fruit trees and leave the fruit on the trees.

We look after our flax plants

We pick rubbish up from around our areas.



Rangereview Intermediate
NIGHT MARKET 2025

**FOOD TRUCKS
CLASSROOM STALLS
GAMES
FACE PAINTING
BOUNCY CASTLE**

JOIN US!

FRIDAY APRIL 04
5:00-7:00 PM

CASH AND EFTPOS TO BUY TOKENS FOR ALL FOOD, GAMES, STALLS AND ACTIVITIES
STREET AND ONSITE PARKING AVAILABLE

GF & vegetarian options

ORDER school lunches ONLINE...

delivered to school

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

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.