



Rutherford  
Primary  
School



11 MARCH 2024  
4 Poutū-te-rangi 2024

## KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU/GREETINGS FAMILIES

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to week 6 of term 1, 2024.

This week we are looking forward to taking all the children for a look through the new building on Friday. The children will have the opportunity to learn about the process and then take a short walk through the site. Placemakers have sponsored a school wide sausage sizzle on this day. Watts and Hughes the construction company will shut down the site for the afternoon to make it safe for the children. A notice with more detail will come out over the app on Wednesday.

We have also been very fortunate to have two mandarin trees donated by our cleaning company Crest Clean. This is part of their commitment to sustainability. We will be planting these on Tuesday morning tea time.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT RUTHERFORD

### *I tērā wiki - Last week*

#### Better Start Literacy whānau hui for year 1 whānau

Thanks to the whānau who braved the weather and came to hear about the structured literacy program we have in our year 1 classes.

#### School athletics day assembly

Thanks to the whānau who came to support our certificate assembly. Thanks to the sports captains from Rutherford College who came to give out the certificates.

Kia kaha, kia  
maia, kia  
manawanui

Be Strong, be  
brave, be patient

Noho ora mai  
Amanda Bennett



## WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD

### *I tēnei wiki - This Week*

- 11-13 March Year 4-6 North Harbour Softball
- 12 March Crest Clean tree donation - mandarin tree planting
- 13 March Interschool Athletics
- 15 March Site visit of new building
- 15 March Kōtuku Rerengātahi trip to Mātipo School

## UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 1

- 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: **99%** Of the 10% of children absent,
- LAST WEEK: **90%** 3.8% of those were absent due to illness.
- LATE TO SCHOOL: **2.3%**

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you" - BB King*

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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!



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### CAUGHT BEING GOOD

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

- Harry Turner
- Twila Badger
- Molly Stephenson
- Eldana Zeray
- Daniel Papau



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



We will:

- Discuss the concept of whanaungatanga.
- Discuss how whanaungatanga looks like, feels like and sounds like in our classrooms and outside.
- Spot ones who walk and talk whanaungatanga 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](mailto: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](http://ards.co.nz) or call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583).

**WAITAKERE CITY RUGBY CLUB**

**JUNIOR PLAYERS**

REGISTRATION & MUSTER DAYS

- ✓ FRIDAY 8TH MARCH FROM 4.30PM - 6.30PM
- ✓ FRIDAY 15TH MARCH FROM 4.30PM - 6.30PM
- ✓ MUSTER DAY SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 9AM - 12PM

Grandstand, 67 Central Park Drive, Henderson, Auckland 0610

[www.waitakererugby.co.nz](http://www.waitakererugby.co.nz)



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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](mailto: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.



**ezlunch.co.nz**

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| <b>Sushi Ami</b> | <b>Mondays and Thursdays</b> |
| <b>Subway</b>    | <b>Wednesdays</b>            |
| <b>Pita Pit</b>  | <b>Tuesdays and Fridays</b>  |

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.