

TERM 2 WEEK 11 - FRIDAY 26th JUNE 2020

Kia ora Rutherford whanau

Exciting things happening in school - Matariki

This week we have been learning about Matariki. There have been some wonderful spaces created to explore Matariki. I have seen a super reading area, where children can read all about Matariki under the night sky with torches, and a wonderful Matariki area made out of a fridge box. The children have demonstrated our school values with examples of whanaungatanga through the creating and sharing of kai. I have been fortunate to sample a delicious vegetable soup and a wonderful hangi during this time. I have seen some wonderful poems all about Matariki. Today I enjoyed the diversity of our school with an excellent assembly presentation on the Legend of Nian.

Local Curriculum Consultation / Distance Learning Review

We have been working hard on designing our local school curriculum. This means that we are looking at the topics we will teach at Rutherford Primary. We think it is really important that you share your ideas about this too. We also think that we all learnt a lot during distance learning and some of the things we learnt could help us to think about what we teach in the future. We have prepared a short survey that asks your opinions on these two topics. We would love to hear your thoughts. Please complete the survey by Friday 3 July.

Please complete the survey by clicking this link: [Rutherford Local Curriculum Survey](#)

Walking School Bus

One of the many highlights of my day at Rutherford is walking with our tamariki to the church on Old Te Atatu Road each afternoon. In order to try and gather all the children as efficiently as possible and to assist children to take the walking school bus if they are supposed to on a particular day, we have introduced a ticket system. If you would like your child to walk with the walking school bus on a particular day, please ask them to hand their bus ticket into the office in the morning before school. If they are new to the bus or have lost their ticket or forgotten it at home, ask them to see Michelle or Diane in the office in the morning before school and they will issue them with a new ticket/temporary ticket for the day.

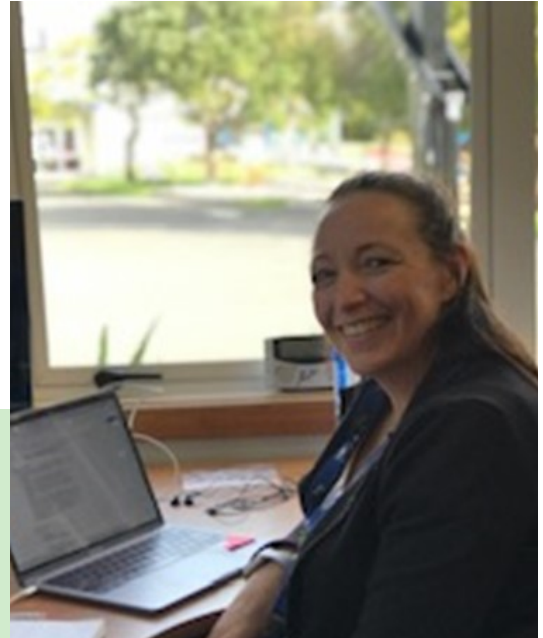
Each day we compile a list of students who have handed in tickets and pass that on to teachers, so they can remind the children in the afternoon to line up for the bus. If a child has not handed their ticket in, they won't be reminded to line up. When the children line up, we check off names. If your child's name is not on the list, we are not sure if they were supposed to catch the walking school bus or not.

We are still keen to hear from whānau who can support us with the walking school bus by walking with the children in the afternoon. If you are able to help, please get in touch with Michelle in the office.

Coming up

Health and Physical Education Consultation - Term 3
Ki-oRahi - Wednesday 12th August
Cle@r - Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th August
Kapa Haka Kai & Korero - Term 3, date to be confirmed.

Nga mihi, Amanda Bennett, Acting Principal



TERM 2 SCHOOL EVENTS

FRIDAY 26 JUNE

Assembly 1.50pm

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Information
Evening 7.00pm, in the staffroom

THURSDAY 2 JULY

End of Term 2 Celebration 1.40pm - 3pm

FRIDAY 3 JULY

Safe School Streets Survey ends
End of term 2

TERM 3 SCHOOL EVENTS

MONDAY 20 JULY

Term 3 begins

MONDAY 3 - 7 AUGUST

Rutherford Scholastic Book Fair

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST

Cle@R 3.00-7.00pm

THURSDAY 13 AUGUST

Cle@R 3.10-5.00pm

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

End of Term 3



Kia tiki ake te pai
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Celebrate Learning at Rutherford (Cle@r)

We are really excited to be able to share the wonderful successes our tamariki have had in their learning with you next term through our Celebrate Learning at Rutherford conferences. For those new to our school, these conferences are a shared opportunity with the teacher, you and your child to talk about learning that has happened and set goals for the next term. Our tamariki really value the time to welcome you into their class environment and to share some of the great things they have been doing. Next term we will also be talking about some of the things they did during Alert Level 4 lockdown. After the conference we will send home a short report or record of the conference.

Conferences are scheduled for 12 and 13 August. We will be sending out invitations for you to book a time early next term.

Road Safety

We have been very lucky with the weather for this time of the year. With prolonged nicer weather it has made drop off and pick ups much easier. It means that families can park a short distance away from school and walk to the gate. Now the weather is becoming a bit more changeable, we are starting to notice an increase in traffic around the two school gates and an increase in drop offs that are unsafe. It is a good time to start thinking about the ways we can stay safe, if you are dropping your children off at school.

- Stopping on yellow lines around the school blocks visibility of cars approaching the crossing. Please do not drop off on yellow lines.
- Stopping on the road and letting children out of the car puts your car at risk, if someone should hit you from behind while your child is getting out of the car, it could cause them injury.
- While it is convenient to pull into a driveway to drop your children off, when you need to reverse out of that driveway can put children at risk who are walking down the road. Children often don't look when they cross behind cars and children walking behind cars are very hard to see. Please avoid dropping your children off in driveways.
- Crossing the road beside the crossing - It is always really important to teach our children to cross on pedestrian crossings. Although there is not always lots of traffic on Kotuku and Toru Streets, there will be times that your children may cross busier roads and we always want them to be safe and cross on crossings. Please support us by modelling this for your children.

There are several places on Toru Street, and Old Te Atatu Road, where children can be dropped off and walk a short distance to school. Both gates have staff on the gate and the crossing to support children to get to school. We thank you for helping us to look after the safety of all of our tamariki.

Smart Watches

We have noticed an increase in the number of children who have smart watches at school. While we understand how these devices give you peace of mind, we remind you that children are still bound by the school's digital use policy for these devices also. Some of the behaviours we have noticed are;

- Children taking photos of others during class time
- Phoning home to talk to parents
- Playing games on watches

If your child has a smart watch, please talk to them about what it should be used for at school. We often take photos in learning time, these should only be taken on school devices and the teacher will help children to understand how these photos should be shared. If a child needs their parent during the school day, we can help them with that through the class teacher of the office. Playing games is an at-home activity.

We thank you for supporting us with this.

Winter Wellness

As expected, new cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed as New Zealanders return home.

While it is unlikely at Alert Level 1, **IF** there was a confirmed case linked to our school, we would be notified by the Medical Officer of Health and would act according to their instructions.

We can all keep safe from all Winter illnesses by following good hygiene practices and by staying home if unwell. We realise that it can be tricky when illnesses can last for some time, but current medical advice says it is important to stay away until you are completely symptom free. We appreciate your support.

School Day

School starts at 8.50am. It is a great idea if children arrive by 8.40am at the latest so they have time to put their bags away, connect with friends and settle in for the day. It is really helpful for children to have time to play with friends before the school day starts.



Sport Waitakere have donated heaps of sports equipment to our school! Thanks Sport Waitakere!

END OF TERM 2 CELEBRATION

THURSDAY 2ND JULY

1.40pm

(please be seated by 1.40pm)

In our school hall

Children who will receive certificates will be notified by their teachers. All welcome. Hope to see lots of our whanau there.