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15 MAY 2023

Kia ora e te whānau, Greetings families

Welcome to week 4 of term 2. We are excited to offer our children the opportunity to explore Science with The Science Roadshow.

What's on Top? He aha kei runga?

Wet Weather

As we head into the Winter months, it is very important that your children have both suitable clothes for wet and cold weather along with a change of clothes in their bags. The rain we have been experiencing can come on very suddenly, so it is handy for children to have dry clothes on hand. We are also finding that the ground gets very soggy and muddy and children can get dirty more easily at this time of the year.

Lunches

We have seen an increase in children requiring additional food throughout the day. We are finding that many children eat all their food by morning tea time and are still hungry. We have sandwiches and fruit available for children who forget their lunch or need a top up. We will aim to let you know if your child requires more food during the day. If you are able to give them a little more the next day that's great, and if you can't we can help out.

If anyone is in a position to donate some fruit or a loaf of bread, we would certainly appreciate it.

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

Noho ora mai
Amanda Bennett
Tumuaki/Principal

CAMP Fundraiser
Order these delicious
samosas on the link below!

SAMOSAS FUNDRAISER



Order online today!
<https://bit.ly/2023Samosa>

Butter Chicken Lamb Vegetable
\$22 for a box of 10 Samosas

Orders Close: Monday 24th May at 12 noon
Pick up: Rutherford Primary office Friday 2nd June

What's coming up at Rutherford

I tēnei wiki - This Week

- 15 May** Science Roadshow - He Kūaka Mārangaranga (Rooms 12-15, 17, 21, 22)
- 16 May** Cluster Softball (Year 5 & 6s)
- 16 May** Science Roadshow Kotahitanga (Rms 5-6) and Te Kōhanga o te Kūaka (Rooms 1-4)
- 19 May** Pink Shirt Day

Upcoming Events - Term 2

- 22 May** Waka Ama experience (Kōtuku Rerengātahi year 5 & 6s)
- 23 May** Board of Trustees Meeting
- 24 May** Samosa Fundraiser orders close
- 2 June** Samosa Fundraiser pick up from office
- 5 June** King's birthday holiday (School closed)
- 6 June** Cluster Football (Year 5 & 6s)
- 9 June** Sausage Sizzle
- 19-23 June** Book Fair
- 19 June** Matariki Raffle
- 21-22 June** Celebrate Learning Conferences
- 29 June** Whānau Hui
- 30 June** Last day of term 2

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.

This year our overall attendance is **92%** to date.

Last week our school wide attendance was: **85%**
There were a significant number of children who were kept home because of the weather. We anticipate that we will continue to see significant weather events across the Winter and if children are kept home during poor weather, it will impact significantly on their schooling. We assure you that our school holds up well during these weather events.

Students late for class was **3.4%** which was higher than last week which was 2.7% of students late for class. This figure continues to creep up and once again we ask you to please work hard to support us by getting your child to school on time.



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What's been happening at Rutherford

I tērā wiki - Last week

Unfortunately we had to postpone the zoo trip due to the weather.

Whaea Amanda's Win of the week

- Joining a singing assembly on Thursday. We had lots of fun.



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

Whitney - Room 22, Anvi - Room 14, Dan - Room 12, Thorn - Room 15



PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning) Focus

This week we continue our focus on playing appropriate indoor and outdoor games, along with demonstrating kindness to those we play with.



To Rutherford Primary School 2023
Daylyn Bedggood and Ian Chai

FOOD TASTING

ETHNIC COSTUME COMPETITION

TOP PRIZE TO BE WON!

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENING

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES FROM STUDENTS

PHOTO BOOTH

VARIOUS CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

RAFFLE TICKETS

6PM - 8.30PM
THURSDAY 8TH JUNE

Rutherford College, 18-20 Kotuku Street, Te Atatu Peninsula



Katie



Ezra

Cool art by Katie and Ezra in room 22!



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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

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.



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DRUM LESSONS AT RUTHERFORD

Drumming has been shown to have multiple benefits including:

- Coordination of all four limbs which activates both sides of the brain simultaneously.
- Physical stimulation releases endorphins and encourages the release of negative emotions.
- Helps to develop both confidence and mindfulness.
- Lessons will occur once per week on Wednesdays during school hours.

Please contact Dylan Symonds on:
dylansymonds1@gmail.com
or phone 0211 487 145.



PARKING

The school carpark is for staff, visitors and contractors only.

We are permitted to park at the Baptist Church on Old Te Atatu Road.

Please park safely in and around our school.



Please help us plan. If you have a child turning 5 or know of a family that has a child turning 5 and is living in our school zone, please enrol now. If you need more information contact Diane by email: dianea@rutherfordprimary.school.nz.

Enrolment information is also available on our website.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school please:

Phone 834 5467

then press 1 to record your message and the reason for the absence.

Or Text 022 324 3942

If the school is not informed of your child's absence/s they will be marked as truant.

Please do not contact your child's teacher through seesaw or email, they will be teaching and may not see your messages.

HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL 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.