



Kia tiki ake te pai
ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE



24TH MAY 2021

Kia ora e te whānau / Greetings families

This week I want to acknowledge the whole Rutherford community. I was reflecting the other day on the saying ... it takes a village to raise a child. This is certainly true of Rutherford Primary. I am grateful every day for the partnership we have with our immediate and wider school community.

Friday was 'Pink Shirt Day' and at Rutherford we decided to focus on being kind. Little acts of human kindness are the things that fill someone's bucket each and every day. It is very true that we often don't know all of what is going on for an individual person, this includes our adults and children. The little things that we can do, like a kind word, a smile, offering a helping hand, can make a really big difference to someone.

At Rutherford in the junior school we talk about bucket filling. I have been thinking about all the things that fill my bucket every day here at Rutherford. What I realised is it is often the little things that make the biggest difference to my day. These things include the warm greetings I get from our tamariki, the informal chats I have with whānau, seeing the great learning and exciting things our children are doing in classes, when our teachers share their passion with me for what they are doing, and the conversations with children I have around the school and on the walking school us.

All of this tells me how fortunate we are to have a connected community who really care. I am putting a challenge out to our kaimahi/staff and tamariki to ask yourself every day, 'what have I done today to fill someone's bucket?'

Kia pai tō wiki - Have a great week.

Nga Mihi
Amanda Bennett
Tumuaki

What's on top

Drop off and pick up

Pick up particularly is a really busy time here at school. It is a good time to remind families about a couple of things that help pick up go smoothly. We request that families do not bring dogs onto the school grounds and wait at the gate to collect children. We have a number of children who are very afraid of dogs and even if your dog is very gentle, our tamariki do not know this and can be very anxious. Children often get very excited around dogs and can crowd them and this can make even the kindest dogs behaviour unpredictable.

We love that our children are able to have play dates with their friends after school. If you have arranged alternative arrangements for your child, including going to a friends house, could you please let the class teacher know. We always check that children are picked up by who they are supposed to be picked up. This includes children on the walking school bus.

TERM 2 SCHOOL EVENTS

TUESDAY 25 MAY

Cluster Football
Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY 26 MAY

Bus safety presentation - Year 5 and 6
- Little legends program

THURSDAY 27 MAY

Te Wao Nui o Tiriwa (Rooms 1, 2, 17, 18, 19)
assembly

TUESDAY 1 JUNE

Cluster wrestling

WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE

Kapa Haka, Kai and Korero

MONDAY 7 JUNE

Queen's birthday - School closed

TUESDAY 8 JUNE

NZEI Staff only day - School closed

THURSDAY 10 JUNE

Kotahitanga Tahi (Rooms 5, 6, 16) Assembly

TUESDAY 15 JUNE

Cluster hockey
Camp meeting 7pm

TUESDAY 22 JUNE

Kōtuku Karere Olympic ambassador
presentation
Board of Trustees meeting - 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY 23 AND THURSDAY 24 JUNE

Celebrate learning @ Rutherford conferences
Cle@R Conferences

THURSDAY 24 JUNE

Kotahitanga Rua (Rooms 3, 4, 7) Assembly

TUESDAY 29 JUNE

Cluster swimming

WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE - 2 JULY

Matariki celebrations

THURSDAY 1 JULY

Kōtuku Rerengātahi assembly

THURSDAY 8 JULY

Celebrate learning @ Rutherford assembly

FRIDAY 9 JULY

Last day of term 2

Other dates to be aware of
This year we will have three NZEI Staff only days. They are; Tuesday 8 June, Monday 23 August, Monday 15 November



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Pink shirt day

We had a wonderful pink shirt day at school on Friday. This was more than a day to wear pink, this was also a reminder to always be kind. This is an area we have been working on as part of our school values and we will continue to work on this in our classes. Pink shirt day was also an opportunity to raise money for the mental health foundation and the great work they do. We raised \$307.

Puni Reo netball tournament

On Friday Whaea Lee and Whaea Amanda took 20 children to Te Pai courts to participate in the Puni Reo netball tournament. This event sponsored by Te Puni Kokiri is held with



the aim of increasing the amount of Te Reo used. Children are encouraged to only use Te Reo phrases when playing. Our children did really well. They had definitely been practising their Te Reo. Thank you to the whānau who were able to pop by and support us.

Social media

As we have more and more events happening, we would like to remind you that any photos or videos you take at these events should be kept for your own personal use and not shared on social media. We have a number of children whose whānau do not wish their images to be shared on social media and sometimes these children are in group shots. Thank you for your support here.

Values Focus

Manaakitanga

This week we are focusing on little acts of human kindness. We will be asking ourselves ... 'what have you done to fill someone's bucket today?' We will think about what little things we can do to make a difference to someone's day. It could be a kind word, a smile or a helping hand.



SCHOOL ABSENCES

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

Phone 834 5467

(then press 1 to record your message)
Or Text 022 324 3942

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

LATE TO SCHOOL

Students who arrive after 8.50am MUST report to the school office to sign in.

EARLY PICK UP

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.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

It's great to see our children want to still be here after school when they've had a busy learning day!

Children that want to play after school must have a caregiver with them to supervise.

If you are going to be late to pick up your child/ren please call the office and we will get the message to them.

HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM

Please apply in writing to office@rutherfordprimary.school.nz, include the dates you will be absent. We will pre-code your child's attendance for those days.

SCHOOL LUNCHES \$6

MONDAY	SUSHI & BENTO
TUESDAY	CHICKEN ON RICE
WEDNESDAY	PITA PIT
THURSDAY	SUSHI AMI
FRIDAY	SUBWAY

KAPA HAKA, KAI AND KORERO
Wednesday 2nd June - 5.00pm Start

Cle@R Parent/Student Conferences
Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 June