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ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE



11TH SEPTEMBER 2020

KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU. GREETINGS FAMILIES

We have had a wonderful week at school this week. It has been wonderful to have 90% of our children attending school. We also thank those families who have kept their children home because they are unwell. We appreciate that this can be really tricky for families, but it is so important that children only attend school if they are well.

I have seen some wonderful learning this week. I have enjoyed seeing the great designs and creations that children have been making in their classes. We really do have some innovative thinkers here at Rutherford.

Cle@R

Yesterday and today mid-year Cle@R reports are going home. Please let your child's teacher know if you haven't received yours.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

A reminder that the school gate is staffed and teachers are in classrooms from 8.20am. Children who arrive at school before this time will not be able to enter the classrooms. A wellness check and hand sanitising needs to be carried out before children can enter the classroom.

BOOKS

Over the weekend could you please have a really good look at home for school library books and school reading books. During Alert-Level 3, a large number of school books were loaned out to support learning at home. We now require these books at school to support our reading programs. If you have school books at home, could you please return them with your child or drop them into the school office as soon as possible.

FRUIT

If you have fruit trees at home that have excess fruit please consider donating some to school for our emergency lunches. We will place a box for fruit at the Kotuku Street gate before and after school each day.

TIK TOK

The Ministry of Education has been made aware of the circulation of a Tik Tok video about a live suicide. The Ministry has been in touch with Netsafe about this.

Netsafe have advised the following;

This content can have an impact beyond those who immediately engage with it. It is likely to have had a range of impacts on each person - some may be severely affected, and others may not be affected at all.

We recommend that having regular, open conversations at home around online safety is important to help young people navigate the myriad of digital challenges they will experience.

Netsafe also have the following on their website;

Young people may find things they never intended to look at online so talking regularly about their activities and encouraging them to come to you is one of the best conversations you can have. If your child has been exposed to something that upsets them it can be hard to know how to help. Netsafe has developed the following advice to guide you through this difficult situation.

Read more at [https://www.netsafe.org.nz/upsetting-content./](https://www.netsafe.org.nz/upsetting-content/)



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COMING UP

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| End of Term 3 | Friday 25 September |
| Start of Term 4 | Monday 12 October |
| Ki o Rahi tournament | Tuesday 13 October |
| Puberty Talks parent information evening | Wednesday 14 October |
| Bat First Cricket year 1-4 | Thursday 15 October - Monday 2 November |
| Year 5 and 6 Swimming at Swimsation | Tuesday 20 October 10 November |
| Staff only day - School closed | Friday 23 October |
| Labour Day - School closed | Monday 26 October |

TURNING 5 IN 2021

Is your child turning 5 in 2020 or 2021? Do we have their enrolment form?

Please contact Diane, dianea@rutherfordprimary.school.nz if your child is turning 5 this year or next year. You will need to complete an enrolment form. You need to provide copies of;

- Your child's birth certificate
- Passport or Visa (if not born in NZ)
- Immunisation documents
- B4 school check documents
- Proof of address e.g. tenancy agreement, power bill, rates bill

MEDICINE

If your child needs to bring any type of medicine to school, whether it is vitamins or throat lozenges or anything else, please ensure that this medicine is handed in to the office in the morning. For health and safety reasons, children should not keep medicine in their bags or pockets, or take it themselves during the day without supervision.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Noho mai ra
Amanda Bennett
Principal

ECO WARRIORS

TE ATATU INTERMEDIATE OPEN NIGHT

Unfortunately, our Te Atatu Intermediate 'Open Night' had to be postponed due to Level 3 lockdown. If we are back at Level 1, we intend to hold an Open Afternoon on Thursday 17 September starting in the school hall at Te Atatu Intermediate from 12.30 - 2pm. Whanau would need to make their own way to Te Atatu Intermediate.

This will only go ahead if we are back at Level 1 - Open Afternoon will be cancelled if we are still at Level 2 on the 17th September.

Keep an eye on our school website www.teatatu.school.nz for more information - we will be posting our 'Welcome to Te Atatu Intermediate' video very shortly!

If you still need to enrol - could all enrolments for 2021 please be completed and sent back to office@teatatu.school.nz Enrolment forms are on our school website.



Meet Rutherford's Eco Warriors. This week we replanted one of the school gardens with vegetables and flowers. Can't wait to taste those strawberries!