



**Kia tiki ake te pai**  
**ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE**



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Kia ora e te whānau. Greetings families

We have had a fantastic start to the week. It was wonderful to have the majority of our children back at school yesterday. We welcomed 80% of our students. I want to thank all our families for following the new procedures we have put in place around drop off and pick up. It was an absolute delight to watch our children being independent and taking themselves through the school gate with big smiles.

If you feel like your child might need a bit of extra support, I remind you to please make contact with us by emailing me at [amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz](mailto:amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz). We need to make a plan ahead of time. Please do not come onto the school grounds without making prior arrangements.

The walking school bus was a huge success. It was lovely out walking in the sunshine. If you haven't already arranged it, but would like to meet your child at the church car park, let us know. We will make sure we add them to the list and walk them to the car park to meet you. Again the children enjoy feeling a little bit more independent.

#### **What else is different at school;**

For the next few weeks at least we will not be having school assemblies. We will let you know when this changes. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be discussing our mid year reporting. We are planning to do some form of mid-year reporting early next term. We will be able to tell you more soon about what that will look like.

At school, life has been much like it was earlier this year. We have made a few small changes to the way we interact. One example is around lunchtime sport. Our children have done a great job of helping us to modify some of our activities to support health and safety procedures. Some of our soccer players suggested modifying the rules of the game so we are not using our hands for throw-ins.

Our children have been doing some great work at school. We will include some of the wonderful things we have been doing in the newsletter on Friday.

#### **Keeping in contact**

Teachers will continue to be contactable via Seesaw and email. If there is anything you would like to share with teachers or any information you require, please do make contact via one of these forms.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz](mailto:amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz)

Kia kaha - He waka eke noa

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