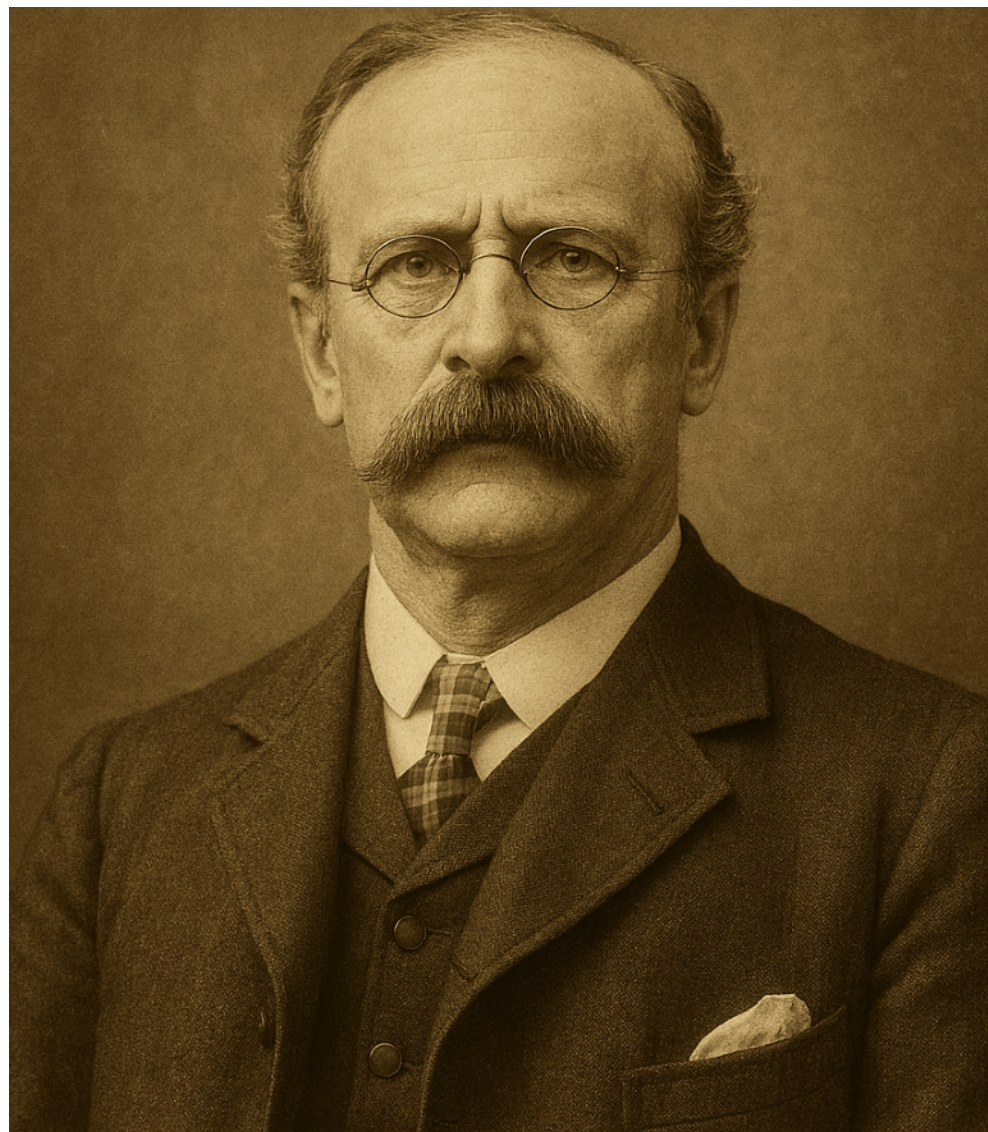


ROTORUA PRIMARY - PUKEROA ORUAWHATA PRESENTS -  
140TH YEAR REUNION



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## **Rotorua Primary 140th Reunion – “Al in Time”**

*Augmenting the Past. Celebrating the Present. Imagining the Future.*

**Dates: 6 November – 8 November 2026**

**Venue: Rotorua Primary School & Local Venues**

**Guests: Alumni, whānau, staff, and the wider Rotorua community**



## DAY 1 – THE PAST: OUR STORY BEGINS



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FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2026

Afternoon – Welcome Back Whānau

5:00 pm – Registration & Welcome Gathering

Rotohiko Haupapa Memorial Hall

- Registration for all attendees
- Wine & cheese / light refreshments
- “Find Your Class” colour-coded lanyards issued at registration
- Informal meet-and-greet, photo opportunities and reconnecting with old classmates



DAY 2 – THE PRESENT: OUR HEART BEATS HERE

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## Morning – Community Vibes & Gala Day

### 9:30 am – Pōwhiri & Karakia

Rotohiko Haupapa Memorial Hall

- Formal welcome for all manuhiri
- Led by kaumatua, with Rotorua Primary Kapa Haka support

### 10:30 am – Paramanawa (Morning Tea)

- Shared kai and catch-ups

### 10:45 am – Gala Day Stalls & Stage on the Field

- Food and fundraising stalls
- Classroom-based displays and activities
- Coffee, ice cream, BBQ, drinks, mirimiri and games on the field

### Stage Programme (Field Stage)

- 11:00 am – Pukeroa Kapa Haka
- 11:20 am – Ngāti Whakaue Kapa Haka
- 11:45 am – Krissy Knap / T Sharp (Live Performance)

### *In and around the field and classrooms:*

- “Then and Now” Exhibition – historic photos, AI-enhanced class portraits and memorabilia
- Photos & Activities: Year-group photo points, photo frames and digital uploads
- AR Memory Trail & QR codes showing key moments from 140 years of Rotorua Primary

### 12:00 pm – Kai o te Rā (Lunch)

Shared kai and whānau-run food stalls reflecting the diversity of our school community

## Afternoon – Reconnecting and Reminiscing

2:00 pm – Free Time

- Guided school tours (students leading “then vs now” walks)
- Alumni Story Circles in classrooms – “the teacher you’ll never forget” & “the prank that almost got us suspended”
- Live art and music zones, including graffiti wall of memories and spontaneous jam sessions

Evening – Reunion Dinner & Entertainment

### 6:00 pm – 140th Reunion Dinner & Entertainment

Venue to be confirmed

- Reunion dinner bringing together all decades
- Performances by:
  - Pukeroa Kapa Haka
  - Ngāti Whakaue Kapa Haka
  - Krissy Knap / T Sharp
- Additional items and guest appearances as confirmed
- MC-led storytelling, prize draws and memory moments
- AI Memory Wall: live-uploaded photos and stories projected in the venue



DAY 3 – THE FUTURE: WHERE THE CURRENTS ARE GUIDING US



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Sunday 8 November 2026

## **Morning – Future Reflections & Faith**

### **10:30 am – Church Service**

Rotohiko Haupapa Memorial Hall

- Ecumenical service acknowledging 140 years of faith, community and learning
- Closing karakia and blessing for the next 20 years

11:30 am – Paramanawa (Morning Tea)

## **Midday – Messages to Tomorrow**

12:00 pm – Alumni Messages to the Future

- AI Time Capsule Booth: record short video or voice messages for the 160th celebrations
- Digital and written messages collected for “Time Capsule 2066”

1:00 pm – Future Tree Planting – “140 Trees for 140 Years”

- A living legacy of native plantings representing classes, whānau and supporters

## **Afternoon – The Big Wrap-Up**

### **2:00 pm – Chill Zone**

- Local artists, acoustic music and coffee carts
- Space for final photos, last conversations and goodbyes

### **3:00 pm – Closing Ceremony**

- Slideshow of the weekend
- Group photo
- Final acknowledgements and thanks to all who contributed to 140 years of Rotorua Primary history



## APPENDIX – PLANNING & ORGANISATION (INTERNAL)

This section pulls the organisational framework from the 140 Years planning pages and nests it under the new 140th Reunion theme.

### Steering Group

- **Kaumātua & Cultural Advisors**
- **Whānau and Ex-Students Representatives**
- **Principal:** Mr Fred Whata
- **Core Coordination Team:** Fred / Kelly / Cheryl

### Communications & Promotion

- **Web Page:**
  - Reunion information & registration
  - “Tell your story / upload your photo”
  - Year-group galleries
  - Reunion apparel orders (tracksuits, T-shirts, hats)
  - Leads: Fred / Adam / Puti / Kelly

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- **Newsletter & Social Media:**

- Regular updates, adverts and countdown posts
- Leads: Esther / Mel

- **Principal Photos / AI Visuals:**

- AI-generated and restored historic images
- Leads: Adam

### **Registration & Data**

- Online registration form capturing:
  - Name, address, years at school
  - Photo upload
  - Apparel size
  - Questionnaire and stories
- Lanyard printing and individual photo capture at registration
- Leads: Adam / Fred

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- **Gala Day Stalls & Activities:**

- Classroom stall coordination, external stall holders
- Sports games, modern mini-games, inspiration stations, engineering club
- Leads: Classroom teachers / Mel / Waimiere / Lavinia / All staff

### **Reunion Dinner & Entertainment**

- Venue quotes and confirmation (Events Centre, Novotel, Skyline, Haupapa Hall, etc.)
  - Leads: Fred / Kelly
- Entertainment bookings:
  - Kapa Haka groups
  - Production items
  - T Sharp, Chrissy Knap, Corella and others as confirmed
  - Leads: Czenamin / Fred



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### **Sunday Service & Kai Teams**

- **Church Service Coordination:**

- Rotohiko Haupapa Memorial Hall
- Leads: Avi / Tom Poata

- **Paramanawa & Kai o te Rā:**

- A-Team catering coordination
- Lead: Tamara

## IDEAS FOR THE EVENT

### **MEMORY CAPTURE BOOTH:**

Voice recording pods where guests leave 60-second memories.  
These are later AI-transcribed and turned into a digital archive book.

### **AR MEMORY TRAIL:**

QR codes around the school showing historic photos and interviews.

### **DIGITAL YEARBOOK WALL:**

Guests upload selfies that blend into a dynamic “140 Mosaic” visual projected on the hall wall.

### **LEGACY TREE TAGS:**

Each alumni or guest writes a message or future wish on biodegradable tags attached to native saplings.

### **TIME CAPSULE 2066:**

Record video messages, letters, and AI-generated predictions for the next 40 years.

### **“FIND YOUR CLASS” LANYARDS (COLOUR CODED):**

Each attendee wears a badge with their year at school — instant conversation starter.