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What do we want at school for 2018
"Positive Mind
Positive Vibes
Positive Life"

**School Closed: Tuesday 6 February
for Waitangi Day**

Welcome back to the 2018 school year. We wish everyone a successful year ahead. We would like to especially welcome the 23 new students who started at Rotorua Primary yesterday. We look forward to establishing a strong relationship with you and your whanau.

Swimming started today and if these temperatures continue then it will be a nice relief from the heat for our students so remember to pack their togs.

I also walked round the classrooms yesterday and it was really noticeable that the children were ready to return to school. Every class was really settled and our children were working really well.

Ka Pai Kai:

Bought lunches will only be supplied by Ka Pai Kai this year on Wednesdays and Fridays.

This starts from next week, **Wednesday 7 February.**

Please order from the side office window on the day at 8.15am – 8.50am

No late orders will be taken, so be prepared to make other arrangements if your child is late to school as the orders have to be sent off to Ka Pai Lunches before 9.00am as we are one of several schools who use their service. This term's menu will be displayed at the office foyer and also advertised through our website and school app.

Sports for this Term:

Upcoming sport.

I am looking for tamariki who are interested in playing the following sports for our school.

Flipper Ball – Starts Tuesday 13th February, Wk 3.

Touch Rugby – Starts Wednesday 14th February, Wk 3.

A permission slip will be sent home with those tamariki who are keen to join. If your child does not come home with a notice and you would like them to participate, you can contact the office and I will be more than happy to pop a permission slip in their bag.

Whaea Margie.

Road Patrol:

Road Patrollers will be out again this year to keep our car park safe for our tamariki. Whanau please don't take shortcuts where vehicles and children are involved. The lessons are to recognise what part of the road is for cars and what part is for people. It only takes an extra few seconds to wait for your child/ren so please use our car park safely.

Absentees:

A reminder to whanau to contact the school by 9.15am if your child is going to be absent from school. Absentees can be left on our answerphone or by using our school app or emailing the school office. 07 3488159/ office@rp.school.nz

Cohort Entry:

A reminder that Cohort Entry starts next term. To remind our whanau about this it means that our New Entrants can only start school on the first day of each term. So that means that some 4 year olds can start on the first day of term 2 if their 5th birthday is before **MONDAY 11 JUNE**. So these children can start Monday 30 April. If their 5th birthday is after 11th June then they cannot start school until the start of term 3. Children who have been in other schools and are older can start at our school anytime through the year. If you are aware of new families who are coming to us with a 4 or 5 year old please make them aware of the Cohort Entry dates. These dates will be put on our website and school App.

Cohort Entry Dates:

Term 2 - Monday 11 June Term 3 – Monday 3 September Term 4 – Wednesday 12 December