



PRINCIPAL : F. WHATA B.Ed, Dip Tchg

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL DECEMBER 2018

Tena koutou katoa,

Tenei te mihi nui ki nga whanau, nga kaumatua nga matua me nga tamariki o  
**Te Kura o Pukeroa Oruawhata - Rotorua Primary School.**

**Roll 236 as at 3 December 2018**

### **Students News**

Wow!!! What an awesome month whanau! To recap...

#### **The New Zealand Primary Schools Chess Tournament 2019**

Placed 7th overall. Best school in Bay of Plenty and proud owners of an auctioned artwork.

#### **The Royal Visit**

Whole school attended. Students and staff meet the Royals. Worldwide media attention for our school. A beautiful photo of Whaea Mere and the Prince Harry in Woman's Day.

#### **Halloween**

Schoolwide halloween dress up the day after the The Royal Visit

#### **Foyer Television**

Capturing our students and all the cool things happening in our school. Check it out!!!

#### **Principal Awards**

Congratulation to:

Room 1 - Ngahina Gillies, Stevie Ray Waaka, Kaea Rogers Nathaniel Reid

Room 2 - Te Rangiata Hohepa - Rewi, Ngaoko Watene, Milan Johansson, Kahleyah Pirini

Room 3 - Taine Acton, Elodie Lines, Hikaia Ruha, Ocean Ututonga

Room 4 - Nelah Hulton - Toleafoa, Koutney Kautai, Nelah Hulton - Toleafoa, Shan Jn Mackey

Room 5 - Mariah Wiringi - Foster, Rydah Maniapoto, Shianea Hutana, Marie Keepa

Room 6 - Anamaria Olsen, Mavis Pilato - Niuafe Amaia Phillips Xavian Sosoia

Room 7 - Ares Tinklin, Tyler Kopae - Nuhu, Ella - J Vincent, Shaunak Arya

Room 8 - Isabella Wainohu, Nuku Lines, Kahu - Tarena Maxwell, Dilana Wainohu

Room 9 - Matthias Henare Wynyard, Jaya Ehau - Togo, Keziah Leonard, Shakyrah Nicholas - Manley

Room 10 - Rewa Apanui, Nevada Tatham, Tauawhi Courtney, Te Tira Tapsell,

Room 11 - Osiris Tatham, Bailey Te Ngahue, Roguen Smith, Natalia Peleti  
Room 12 - Daniel Westman, Cazna Williams, Jarome Kautai, Joshua Geraets Skerrett  
Room 13 - Tyra Te Kaawa, Dallas Hinga, Tavita Pomale, Kimberley Geraets Skerrett  
Presented at every Monday school assembly (1 per class every week) coupled with a school message via story or video

### **Launching Apple iPads Initiative & Community Hui**

2019 Apple iPads for all students (student owned) and community hui and tabloids for whanau.

### **Coding, Programming and Animation**

Implementation of programme for Year 5 students in Room 6 & 7. Every Monday 1.00pm to 3.00pm

### **Senior Athletics Day**

Fantastic

### **Junior Athletics Day**

First time for our juniors. An awesome event

### **Waka Ama**

Have a go day introduction to waka ama for Years 4 & 5 in Rooms 3, 5, 6 and Years 7 & 8 go this week.

### **Camps**

Senior School went to Ohope

Junior School go this week to Tui Ridge

### **Maths-Whizz - Most improved 2018**

Keziah Leonard	Gold Medal	326 progressions	Room 9	Hana Mason
Cleveland Mackey	Silver Medal	310 progressions	Room 6	Miu Phillips
India Rogers	Bronze Medal	208 progressions	Room 3	Sam Iraia

### **Haka Ahurei - Rotorua Primary Schools Kapa Haka Festival**

Junior Performance - Absolutely magnificent

### **Sports Exchange with Te Whanau A Apanui**

Very exciting for our students and our future relationship with Te Whanau a Apanui School and Whangaparaoa School

### **Science Roadshow at Pukeroa Oruawhata Rotorua Primary School**

Brilliant scientific interactive presentation with our invited guests Rangihakahaka (100+)

### **School Gala Day - 3.30pm to 7.30pm Wednesday 20 February 2019**

Aiming to raise \$24, 000 to supplement our school programmes

**Our Students always happy and smiling**

### **Up and Coming Events**

**Tuesday 11 December - 9.15am Sports Prize Giving**

**Guest Speaker - Te Toiroa Tahuriorangi - All Black & past student of Pukeroa Oruawhata**

**Wednesday 12 December - 9.15 am Junior Academic Prize Giving**

**11.00am Middle/Senior Academic Prize Giving**

**Guest Speaker - Nikora Wade - Doctor in training & past student of Pukeroa Oruawhata**

**Thursday 13 December - Last day of school & Year 8 Dinner @ 5.30pm**

**Friday 14 December - Teacher Only Day**

**Wednesday 30 January - Day 1 2019**

### **Apple iPads for all students in 2019**

Apple iPads are the preferred digital tool to roll out our new curriculum for 2019. We have partnered with Apple, Nga Pumanawa E Waru and Noel Leeming to assist our school with this programme. To purchase your iPad go directly to Noel Leeming who will help you. Apple iPads is the learning tool and platform of our choice because they offer the best educational programmes available with support for students, teachers and whanau to teach learn beside us. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask or meet with me to discuss.

### **The Base - Coding, Programming and Animation**

The Digital Basecamp an innovate space that promotes future focused /digital learning. The programme Digital Natives Academy (DNA) gives our students the opportunity to engage in 21st century learning experiences such as coding, programming and animation. I am currently planning to secure time with The Base for our middle and senior school students in 2019.

### **Facebook Page**

The Rotorua Primary School Facebook (primary means of communication) page is a closed group which can be accessed by whanau of our school. This is a closed group, and users will need to be accepted by our administrator in order to interact with our page. This page will be used to share information about school-wide events: includes comments, photos, live streams and is aimed at current parents/whanau, the wider community and prospective parents. Our official Facebook group can be found by searching "Rotorua Primary School" or using the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RotoruaPrimary>

### **School Twilight Gala Day 2019**

School Twilight Gala Day - 3.30pm to 5.30pm on Wednesday 20 February 2019.

Meet the Parents, Fundraising that benefits all of our students, Class target \$2000 or more  
Winning Class - Free Trip to Rainbows End. Total target \$24,000. Awesome prizes around!!!

I am proud and honoured to be working with you all to lead  
Pukeroa Oruawhata - Rotorua Primary School into the future

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

**Fred Whata**  
**Principal**