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Contact details:

A reminder that if you have changed address or your cellphone number over the holidays to please inform the school office so that we can update your child's records. It is important that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency at school. Ph 348-8159 or email us at office@rp.school.nz

Welcome to the start of 2017. Yesterday morning we welcomed 17 new students plus enrolled another 6 with a number of 5 year olds starting in the next couple of weeks. The staff have been at school the last couple of weeks preparing for their new classes and the school year.

I read during the holidays that there is a push to have 1 week off for Christmas and the summer break in February. This has been discussed for years with no movement but parents maybe asked on their thoughts during the year. Have a think about it so that if and when it comes up you can have your say.

Again welcome to Rotorua Primary school to both children and Whanau.

Sunsmart:

A reminder that Rotorua Primary is a Sunsmart School. This means that your child must wear a brimmed hat that shades the face, ears and back of the neck when outside. We feel strongly about getting your children into the habit of wearing a hat to protect them from the effects of exposure to the harsh New Zealand sun. Any student without a hat will have to play under the Shade area.

Swimming:

Our swimming pool is closed for the next 4 weeks as it is getting resurfaced. The pool surface had cracked and become dangerous to our students. We will keep you informed as to the works progress.

Lunches:

At 12.30pm our children sit down each day to eat their lunch and the classroom teachers monitor to ensure that they have a good nutritional lunch before they are released to go and play at 12.40pm

A school canteen operates every Friday, commencing this Friday 3 February.

Lunches are to be ordered from the hall kitchen window before 9.00am please.

This term's menu is:

American Hot Dogs \$3.00, Chicken salad sandwiches \$3.00, Muffins \$2.00, Popcorn \$1.50, Fruit drink \$1.50, Moosie \$1.50

The Board of Trustees in partnership with Ngati Whakaue Endowment Trust provides additional teacher staffing and teacher aide resourcing to support children with their learning at Rotorua Primary School. Our Learning Support team offers a range of programmes, which may vary from term to term depending upon the current needs of the students.

The Learning Support team works with both small withdrawal groups of children and in classes providing support for individuals or groups of students.

Children who participate in Learning Support programmes have been referred to the Learning Support team by their classroom teachers or have been identified through our school entrance assessments. Students are assessed by a member of the team with the results being discussed at Learning Support meetings.

Children are either accepted into a programme, with parents receiving written notification of inclusion in the programme, or if the referral is declined, recommendations for classroom programme adaptation are made to the classroom teacher.

The contact for our Learning Support Program is the school's Assistant Principal and Special Education Co-ordinator, Kristina Crouch - kcrouch@rp.school.nz

Please feel free to contact the school should you wish to discuss your child's learning program. You can also find more information about the programmes offered at Rotorua Primary School on the school's website - www.rp.school.nz

Newsletter:

If you prefer to receive the newsletter via email please email the office at office@rp.school.nz
A copy of the newsletter can be found on the school noticeboard, on the library window and on our website www.rp.school.nz