



PRINCIPAL : F. WHATA B.Ed, Dip Tchg

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL NOVEMBER 2019

Tenei te mihi nui ki a koutou nga koeke, matua, whanau, me nga tamariki toa o **Te Kura o Pukeroa Oruawhata - Rotorua Primary School** me te tangi hoki ki a ratou kua riro atu.

Roll 262 as at Tuesday 12 November 2019

School Name Change:

To officially change our school name from **Rotorua School** to **Pukeroa Oruawhata School** or **Te Kura O Pukeroa Oruawhata** we need your feedback.

Who are we consulting:

Ngati Whakaue Kaumatua, Haupapa Whanau, Parents, Teachers, Students and the wider community of our school.

The reasons for change:

1. Pukeroa Oruawhata refers to the mountain of Pukeroa Oruawhata
2. The land for the school was gifted by Rotohiko Haupapa of Ngati Whakaue in 1887 for the purposes of education.
3. We wish to respectfully acknowledge and pay tribute to Rotohiko Haupapa for the taonga he has gifted us.
4. Reconnecting to our history, self identity and whakapapa is more important than ever
5. Our kaumatua, staff, students and wider community all refer to our school as Pukeroa Oruawhata.
6. 94% of our school students are Maori and the majority are decendants of Ngati Whakaue.

Please circle your choice sign and return to the Main Office

I support the school name change to Pukeroa Oruawhata School.

I support the school name change to Te Kura O Pukeroa Oruawhata School

I do not support the change to Pukeroa Oruawhata School.

Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Kaumatua/Parent//Teacher/Student/etc...

Student Engagement:

Tukaha Programme

The Tukaha Values Programme sponsored by Steven Adams is in school for the next two weeks for our Year 5 - 8 students. The students are excited and we are too. To date the programme has been spectacular.



The 18 wheeler Mack truck classroom.

School Chess Programme

We are piloting a Year 2 & 3 chess programme beginning Monday 18 November 2019. If successful we will implement this programme schoolwide for every student. It is our intention to apply chess to strengthen the literacy, statistics and strategic skills required to play at a national and international standards.

The Year 2 & 3 students involved are:

Room 2 - Angel Ututaonga, Kaea Rogers, Leiya Brightwell

Room 3 Zion Lardelli, Taupiri Hohepa - Rewi, Nuku Lines, Paul TJ Apanui, William Lockwood, Rara Winiata, Te Amo Taurima.

Term 4 Sports Report

M. Te Aonui - Sports Coordinator

Athletics

On Tuesday 19th November, 28 students from our school will compete at the Athletics Competition which will be held at The Rotorua Stadium. All successful athletes will then travel to Tauranga to again compete in the BOP Athletics Championships.

Our athletes have been training every day with Whaea Kerry Jennings in the pool or on the field to help build their strength and skills.

Flippa Ball

Our 2 Flippaball teams are loving the fine weather and have been swimming hard as they compete against other schools in their competition. Both RPS Makos and RPS Rays have managed to stay on a winning streak. It is rewarding to see how each swimmers' skills and confidence grow with each game they play. Kia kaha koutou!

Touch

RPS Rua is making good progress in the Rotorua Touch Competition. Aspects of tuakana/teina can be seen every week in this team as leaders like Raupare, Chalea and Mathias guide and support their team on and off the field!

We are excited and look forward to celebrating our 2019 Sports & Cultural Prize-Giving to be held on Tuesday 10 th December at 9.15am in our School Hall.

Parents of students receiving prizes will be contacted before this date to allow you to join and celebrate in your child's success!

General

As Summer nears so does the return of our 'Water Slide and Water Play'. The tamariki love to get wet and generally having fun whilst swimming and wetting their friends. Mr Whata has had some near misses as he has been the target for water guns and splashes with the hose, but watch out Mr Whata, we will get you sooner or later!

In the playground we have set up our tennis nets and swingball sets which have been a hit with the children. We are down a couple of drifter bikes due to their popularity and maintenance is underway to repair those, so we can have all 10 bikes up and running again. Thank you to Connor's Dad for hooking us up with some much-needed bolts and washers to make that happen. We appreciate your kindness.

Our trampolines have now been moved out of the Sun and under the shade, so those tamariki who do not have hats can still enjoy them, in a SunSmart environment.

With all the activities that are happening during interval and lunch recess it is good to see our tamariki having fun with their friends and making new relationships with others.

Having the equipment and sports gear available for all to use is doing wonders for their social development as well as sharing and caring towards others.

Cultural Events

Kapa Haka

TK Webster will lead our Kapa Haka Programme for the Rotorua Primary School Kapa Haka Festival this year. If you are interested in assisting please contact the school.

Rotorua Primary Schools Kapa Haka Festival 2019

Wednesday 27 November 2019

Kapa Haka 1 - Year 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 (45 students)

Kapa Haka 2 - Year 4, 5 6, 7 & 8 (45 students)

Tickets for Sale

Tickets can be purchased at the Main Office for \$9.00 each. Limited to 200. First in first served.

Free Garden Mulch

The school has free garden mulch for whanau to pick as required on the top field adjacent to the Kohanga Reo.

Key Dates

Monday 4 November 2019 to Friday 15 November 2019	Tu Kaha Programme Years 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
Monday 18 November 2019 to Friday 22 November 2019	Year 8 Technical Arts at Mokoia Intermediate School
Tuesday 19 November 2019	Rural Athletics Day
Wednesday 20 November 2019	Rotorua Girls High School Orientation Day
Monday 18 November 2019 to Friday 29 November 2019	Student Teachers Henry Kershaw, Hemi Ruhi & Raiha Tuahine
Wednesday 27 November 2019	Rotorua Primary Schools Kapa Haka 2019 Kapa Haka 1 - Year 4,5 & 6 (45) Kapa Haka 2 - Year 7 & 8 (45)
Thursday 28 November 2019	School Disco 3.30pm - 5.00pm Entry - Can of Food
Friday 6 December 2019	Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 8 to Hamilton Zoo
Tuesday 10 December 2019	9.15am - 11.15am Sports Prizegiving 5.00pm End of Year Concert
Wednesday 11 December 2019	9.30am - 12.30pm Junior Academic Prizegiving School Reports go home
Thursday 12 December 2019	11.00am - 12.30pm Senior Academic Prizegiving 3.30pm to 5.30pm Whole School Disco
Friday 13 December 2019	2.00pm End of Year Assembly
Wednesday 19 February 2020	SCHOOL GALA DAY
Friday 27 March 2020	Rotorua Primary School Pasifika Festival

Nga mihi tino nui ki a koutou katoa.

Fred Whata

Principal