



PRINCIPAL : F. WHATA B.Ed, Dip Tchg

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL FEBRUARY 2019

Tena koutou katoa,

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

Roll 222 as at 30 January 2019

I was proud and very pleased to see all of our tamariki return to school. Our powhiri to welcome Maora Koopu our new RTM and our new whanau and students was fantastic. I have visited every class today and they are all up and running. Everyone is so excited to be back. look forward to you our parents and whanau spending time in our classrooms with your son/daughter/mokopuna.

Prefects 2019

Head Boys - Tavita Pomale & Dallas Hinga

Head Girls - Natalia Peleti, Te Awatea Tawa, Bailey Te Ngahue

Prefects - Taikata Manukau, Taine Hinga, Kiara-Jade Olsen, Waimiria Kautai

We all look forward to each prefects contribution this year to kura, whanau and hapu and at the end of the year we will name our two most outstanding prefects for 2019.

Stationery List

Stationery Lists for 2019 have been issued to your child via their classroom teacher. All stationery can be purchased at any store in town. A stationery list can also be obtained from the front office.

School Donation - \$30 per student and Paper Fee - \$10 per person

Your school donation and paper fee can be paid directly to the main office or to our school account below.

Rotorua Primary School

Account Number 03 0415 0442679 00

Ref Code 9321 and student name

If your school donation and paper fee are paid by Wednesday 10 April you go into the draw for a \$100 gift voucher...

School Uniform

Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform and shoes to and from school.

Parents Group

We will be having a parents evening at 5.30pm Thursday 7 February 2019 in the staffroom to form parents group to support the school. All welcome to attend.

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

We need your support to help our school have the best gala day ever. Your child's teachers will be in touch to organise and set up some cool activities for our gala day. The class that raises the most money wins a trip to Rainbows End.

Students Teachers and Learning

I am pleased to advise in 2019 we will implement:

1. A modified Te Kotahitanga Professional Development - The Effective Teaching Profile for Staff Professional Development.
2. A schoolwide Apple iPad programme for students, parents, staff and non teaching staff.
3. An end of year educational graduation tour to Hawaii for Year 7 & 8 students

We will also:

4. Decommission the school library and turn that area & the Boardroom into a Makerspace Centre
5. Change our Technology provider from Mokoia Intermediate School to Western Heights High School in 2020.
6. Enrol all classes at the Rotorua Public Library Programmes
7. Enrol all classes at the Rotorua Museum Programmes

Programmes in our school:

1. Ngati Whakaue Education Endowment Trust Literacy Programme
We have been approved funding for 2019 and the NWEET Literacy Programme will be led by Mere Simpson
2. Write That Essay
We have been approved funding for 2019 and Write That Essay will be lead by Pare McCorkindale
3. Maths Whizz
We have approved funding for 2019 and Maths Whizz will be lead by Mr Sam Iraia
4. House of Science
We have approved funding for 2019 and House of Science will be lead by Hemi Leonard
5. Technology

Apple iPads for every student 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. Apple iPads is our learning tool of choice - because they offer the best educational programmes available with support for students, teachers and whanau. To purchase your iPad go directly to our partner Noel Leeming who will help you.

Our teaching staff have been learning about Apple iPads - setting home screens, screen shots, video recordings and student hacks. In class we will be using Apple Classroom, Book Creator and See Saw, Scratch Junior, Popplet, Stop Motion, Swift Programmes and Augmented Reality. We will be able to report back to you all at our first student, parent and teacher interviews in 6 weeks time.

The next time you are in school please come and view our plan for Technology at Rotorua Primary School:

- a) Rotorua Primary Strategic Plan Overview 2018 - 2019
- b) Rotorua Primary phased approach to preparing a technology environment that supports learning
- c) Rotorua Primary Milestones & Objectives 2018 - 2021

We also invite to to stay and see what is happening in our classrooms.

Bring your iPad Day

If you already have an Apple iPad and have not purchased your device from our partner Noel Leeming please bring your Apple iPads to school on Thursday 7 February so we can check if your device is suitable for learning in our classrooms. Our experts will be on hand to assess your device.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask or meet with me to discuss.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

Fred Whata
Principal