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15 October 2020

Nga mihi 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.

School Roll 301 as at 15 October 2020

New Teachers

Nau mai haere mai to Czenamin Barlow & Waimiere Taaho beginning teachers who will be working alongside Whaea Mata in Room 2 & Whaea Margie in Room 4 for the remainder of Term 4. Best wishes to our two new teaching staff members.

Teacher Only Day

There will be a Teacher Only Day on **Friday 30 October 2020**. The staff will be involved with part 2 of Mai Maketu that will form the foundation for our school camp at Maketu in 2021. Therefore school will be closed for instruction.

Excess Furniture - Monday 19 to Friday 23 October 2020 - Large Gymnasium

The school has excess furniture that includes tables, chairs and classroom stock available to you for a koha. All items can be viewed in our school gymnasium and reserved for you to pick up at a later date.

Free Mulch

Available to be picked up at school for your home gardens.

IPads

To secure your taonga's own iPad contact lrask@rp.school.nz for details.

Teaching and Learning Results - Schoolwide

Find below our progress in reading, writing & maths for Auraki and Rumaki

Rumaki Overall Summary Report Year 3 - 8 Term 1 & 3 2020

Korero shows 29/114 - 33% are either Below or Well below, while **67%** are At, Above, or Well above, over the two terms.

Tuhituhi shows 49/114- 55% are either Below or Well below, while **45%** are At, Above, or Well above over the two terms.

Panui shows 33/114- 37% are either Below or Well below while **63%** are At, Above, or Well above over the two terms.

Tau shows 13/114- 14.82% are either Below or Well below while **85%** are At Above, and Well above over the two terms.

Most of the students below/well below are students who have come in from other schools at different year levels. These students are in the year 8, 7, 6, 5, and 3 year groups.

Korero and Tuhituhi has been our focus this year. The term 3 results have shown slight improvements. The teachers have used "Write that Essay" for tuhituhi, with korero activities daily which accounts for the improvements.

Panui has made improvements too. The teachers have placed a greater emphasis on understanding, in some, cases moving their students to a lower reading level.

Tau this area has always been a strength in rumaki across all ages. Our great results are because we have entered some year 3, and all year 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 students into Maths Whizz. The students login to this programme every day to complete stages and gain credits at each stage. Most students are completing between 2-3 stages daily.

The focus for rumaki teachers is to continue moving forward with what we are doing well and working with each other to fill the gaps in our teacher knowledge and teaching practise.

Note:

1. This has been a special year with Covid-19.
2. All targeted students are identified and individual plans are planned for, and implemented by the teacher of those students. In some cases a teacher aide under the guidance of the teacher will work with the student.
3. We aim to improve all results by the end of the year.
4. e-Asttle testing will formally measure where our English is for our rumaki students at years 5 to 8 by the end of the year.
5. This is our baseline data for 2020 and our next report will guide our next learning steps for 2021 at all year levels.

Mere Simpson
Deputy Principal

Auraki Overall Summary Report Year 3 - 8 Term 1 & 3 2020

Reading T1: 49/95 - 51.6% students are either Below or Well Below, while 48.4% are either At or Above

T3: 40/95 - 42.1% students are either Below or Well Below, while **57.9%** are either At or Above.

Writing T1: 82/108 - 75.9% students are either Below or Well Below, while 24% are either At or Above.

T3: 74/108 - 68.5% students are either Below or Well Below, while **33.7%** are either At or Above.

Math T1: 80/97 - 82.5% students are either Below or Well Below, while **17.7%** are either At or Above.

T3: 55/97 - 56.7% students are either Below or Well Below, while **43.3%** are either At or Above.

Test results are compiled from students that were here in both Term 1 and Term 3.

There have been some positive shifts with reading and math, with a smaller shift being made with writing.

Epic and Math Whizz have been a positive support in the classroom as support programs. Write that Essay is being implemented in class but was not so easy during the Covid break times. An application is being submitted in October for another round of PLD for teachers for Write that Essay in 2021.

E-asTTle will be another major focus that will enhance teachers with learning programs and students with ownership of their learning from Term 4. Management are attending PLD around E-asTTle in Term 3 and 4.

Note:

1. This has been a special year with Covid-19.
2. All targeted students are identified and planning has been modified for those students.
3. Ministry and ACC funded students receive teacher aid support.
4. We will continue to enhance data gathering in the near future and build upon students learning.

Pare McCorkindale
Assistant Principal

We will strive to improve our academic achievement in reading, writing and maths in the best possible way for all of our taonga. No excuses.

Fred Whata
Principal

Term 4 Curriculum

To keep our teaching and learning fresh, real and exciting we will be running the following programmes in Term 4.

- **Cooperative Learning in NZ Schools - Don Brown & Charlotte Thomson**
- **E Tu Hei Taonga**
- **Whare Tapa Wha**
- **Self Regulation**
- **Rotorua Museum**
- **Rotorua Library**
- **House Competition - 2.05pm 2.50pm Friday afternoons**
- **Localised Curriculum** - Ohinemutu - Ihenga, Ohinemutu, Te Pupu and Hoa, Paratehoata
- **Hinemoa** - Water Safety Program for Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 in collaboration with Water Safety NZ
- **Swimming schoolwide - November 1 onwards**
- **Aquabots - Room 10,11,12 & 13**
- **Chess Programme - Mere**
- **Esports Academy** for Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 students who can articulate their reading, writing and mathematical skills and their next learning steps.
- **Pamper the Year 7 & 8 Girls**
- **Haircuts for the Boys**
- **E Commerce Project - Sam Sutton Room 10 & Year 6 in Room 12**
- **Oral Health Programme - Rooms 1 - 8**
- **Lake Front Development Plan/Activities - Years 5 & 6**
- **Te Uru Rakau - Native Tree Planting**
- **Health & Well Being Programme - Te Papa Takaro o Te Arawa**
- **Maramataka - Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa**
- **Top Town - Te Papa Takaro O Te Arawa**
- **New School Band**

Key Dates

Monday 12 October	Start of Term 4
Tuesday 13 October 2020	9.30am E Commerce Project - Sam Sutton Room 10 & Year 6 in Room 12 9.30am Bricks Therapy & Bricks Club begins
Monday 19 October to Friday 13 November 2020	Hinemoa Water Safety Program in collaboration with Water Safety NZ - 20 Year 6 & 7 students
Thursday 29 October 2020	Halloween Dress Up Day - Gold Coin Disco - Gold Coin - 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Friday 30 October	TEACHER ONLY DAY

Monday 26 October 2020	LABOUR DAY
Monday 2 November 2020	School Swimming Programme begins
Wednesday 4 November 2020	12.00pm Year 7 & 8 Sports Exchange - Kaiti School Touch & Esports
Monday 16 to Friday 20 November 2020	Arts/Cultural Week
Saturday 14 November 2020	Kapa Haka Regionals
Thursday 19 November 2020	5.30pm Community Concert
Monday 30 November to Friday 4 December 2020	Kapa Haka Ahurei Junior, Middle, Senior Kapa Haka
Thursday 3 December 2020	Mufti Day - Gold Coin Disco - Gold Coin - 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Tuesday 8 December 2020	9.15am Sports & Cultural Prizegiving 5.30pm Prefects Dinner
Wednesday 9 December 2020	9.30am Junior Prize Giving
Thursday 10 December 2020	11.00am Senior Prize Giving
Friday 11 December 2020	Last Day
2021	
Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 January	Teacher Only Call Back Days
Tuesday 2 February	Start of Year
February 2021	Mai Maketu Camps - February 15 to March 5 2021
September 2021	South Island Graduation Tour - Year 7 & 8
November 2021	Maui the Magnificent School Production

Thank you all for your ongoing support of our school.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Mr Fred Whata
PRINCIPAL