

PRINCIPAL : F. WHATA B.Ed, Dip Tchg

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL MARCH 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 228 as at 5 March 2019

We have had a great start to the year and we continue to strive for improvement in all areas of teaching and learning for your child. This newsletter outlines a number of important notices and messages for all of our whanau.

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 to win a brand new bike.

School Uniform

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

Parents Committee

Congratulations to our parents committee who have established a Breakfast Club every morning from 8.15am to 8.40am at the school hall for students whom require breakfast and a Lunch Programme for students who do not have lunch. Their next project is to establish mara gardens outside the junior classrooms in term 2.

School Gala Day

Thank you to all our whanau who supported our gala day especially our matua who help our teachers to make this event a success. Congratulations to Room 1 who raised \$2603.50 and a trip to Rainbows Ends later during the term.

Rotorua Primary School Raffle 2019

1200 tickets across the school with 66 awesome prizes

Drawn 10.00am Monday 8 April 2019. Notification by school App

Winning class goes to Motion in Term 2 2019

Prizes to be won

1. 1 x Year Pass to Buried Village (Buried Village Rotorua)
2. 1 x Night Stay plus Breakfast at Regent Rotorua (Regent Rotorua)
3. 1 x Dinner for 2 at Atlas Café (Novotel Rotorua)
4. 1 x Red Stag Firewood prize
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6. 1 x High Tea for 2 at Princes Gate Hotel (Princes Gate Hotel)
7. 1 x Family Pass Diversion Maze Park (Diversion Maze Park)
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9. 1 x Family Pass Blue Baths (Blue Baths Rotorua)
10. 1 x Family Pass Rotorua Aquatic Centre (Rotorua Aquatic Centre)
4 x \$5 McDonalds Voucher (McDonalds Rotorua)
11. 1 x Family Pass Rotorua Aquatic Centre (Rotorua Aquatic Centre)
1 x \$10 Pita Pit Voucher (Pita Pit Rotorua)
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13. 1 x Family Pass Polynesian Spa (Polynesian Spa)
14. 1 x Family Pass Skyline Skyrides (Skyline Skyrides)
15. 1 x Family Pass Heritage Farm (Heritage Farm Rotorua)
16. 1 x Family Pass Heritage Farm (Heritage Farm Rotorua)
17. 1 x Family Pass (Rail Cruising Rotorua)
18. 1 x Family Pass Redwoods Treewalk (Redwoods Treewalk)
19. 2 x Adults Rotorua Canopy Tours (Rotorua Canopy Tours)
20. 2 x Adults to Hobbiton Movie Set (Hobbiton)

21. 1 x \$80 Restaurant Voucher (Sudima Hotel Rotorua)
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53. 1 x \$50 Mitre 10 Mega (Mitre 10 Mega)
54. 1 x \$40 Hells Pizza Voucher (Hells Pizza)
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56. 1 x \$40 Voucher Lone Star (Lone Star Rotorua)
57. 1 x \$40 Voucher Lone Star (Lone Star Rotorua)
58. 3 x Free Entry Paradise Valley Springs (Paradise Valley Springs)
59. Hairy McLairy Book (McLeods)
 - 1 x \$10 Pita Pit Voucher (Pita Pit Rotorua)
 - 1 x \$5 McDonalds Voucher (McDonalds Rotorua)
 - 2 x Free Coffee Voucher (Third Place Café)
60. Hairy McLairy Book (McLeods)
 - 1 x \$10 Pita Pit Voucher (Pita Pit Rotorua)
 - 1 x \$5 McDonalds Voucher (McDonalds Rotorua)
 - 2 x Free Coffee Voucher (Third Place Café)
61. Animal Book (McLeods)
 - 1 x \$10 Pita Pit Voucher (Pita Pit Rotorua)
 - 1 x \$5 McDonalds Voucher (McDonalds Rotorua)
 - 2 x Free Coffee Voucher (Third Place Café)
62. Hamper (DNG Contracting)
 - 1 x \$10 Pita Pit Voucher (Pita Pit Rotorua)
 - 1 x \$5 McDonalds Voucher (McDonalds Rotorua)
 - 2 x Free Coffee Voucher (Third Place Café)
63. 2 x Free Doughnuts from Baked (Baked Rotorua)
 - 1 x \$10 Pita Pit Voucher (Pita Pit Rotorua)
 - 2 x Free Coffee Voucher (Third Place Café)
64. 2 x Free Doughnuts from Baked (Baked Rotorua)
 - 1 x \$10 Pita Pit Voucher (Pita Pit Rotorua)
 - 2 x Free Coffee Voucher (Third Place Café)
65. 1 x Small Combo, 1 x Free Ticket for Reading Cinemas Rotorua (Reading Cinemas Rotorua)
 - 1 x \$10 Pita Pit Voucher (Pita Pit Rotorua)
 - 2 x Free Coffee Voucher (Third Place Café)
66. 1 x Small Combo, 1 x Free Ticket for Reading Cinemas Rotorua (Reading Cinemas Rotorua)
 - 1 x \$10 Pita Pit Voucher (Pita Pit Rotorua)
 - 3 x Free Coffee Voucher (Third Place Café)

Thank you to our sponsors for the fantastic prizes for our school raffle namely:

Farrah's Wraps, Rotorua Treewalk, Raywhite Realty, Mitre 10 Mega, Lonestar Rotorua, McLeods Booksellers, Rotorua Aquatic Centre, Rotorua Buried Village, Sudima Hotel, Paradise Valley Springs, Hells Pizza, Red Stag Timber, DNG Contracting, McDonalds Rotorua, 3D Art Gallery, Heritage Farm Tour, Skyline Skyrides Rotorua, Regent Hotel Rotorua, Rail Cruising Rotorua, Cervus Ltd Rotorua, Volcanic Air Safari, Third Place Café, Princes Gate Hotel, Blue Baths Rotorua, Novotel Rotorua, Rotorua Canopy Tours, Polynesian Spa, Reading Cinemas Rotorua, Baked Café Rotorua, Velocity Valley Rotorua, The Meat Shoppe, Tesha's Coffee, Hobbiton Movie Set, Pita Pit Rotorua, Diversion Maze Park

Lunchtime Activities

Recent lunchtime activities have been fantastic with slip and slide, wheels day, water gun day and a pajama day too.

Lakeside 2019

\$5 car parks available to all on the school field for this weekends Lakeside Event

Student, Parent, Teacher Evening

Our parent Evening will be held from 3.30pm to 5.30pm on Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13, & Thursday 14 March 2019. We look forward to discussing your child's goals & learning needs & outcomes for 2019

Students Teachers and Learning

Library Membership - All of our classes are enrolled as members at the Rotorua Public Library

MakerSpace - All of our classes are timetabled in to the MakerSpace learning activities also at the Rotorua Public Library

Museum Programmes - All of our classes are also timetabled into the Museum Programmes

Maths Whizz - Our middle and senior school students are now all up and running with Maths Whizz on their iPads

House of Science begins in Term 2

Apple iPads - Our Apple iPads programme as the best tool for learning is coming together nicely. We are constantly reviewing and thinking forward to best support our students, whanau and staff in this technology space.

Online Media Policy 2018

Find on our school app the Online Media Policy 2018 for your perusal and information. There is also **Nga papaho uaua: te kororero me nga taiohi mo nga mea e matakitaki ana ratau.**

Challenging Media: talking with young people about what they are watching. A resource to assist whanau and students relative to what they are watching.

Both the te reo Maori and English versions are also available on our website at

www.classificationoffice.govt.nz

Tour to LA and Hawaii

I can confirm that the Year 7 & 8 educational and cultural tour to the USA & Hawaii is go. We have 20 students and 12 adults who have paid their first deposit for this tour. **There will be a Housie/Wharewhare Event in the school hall on Sunday 24 March 2019.** Best wishes with fundraising.

HOUSIE - WHAREWHARE!!!

Housie fundraiser in the school hall on the 24th of March 2019 at 10.00am to help our senior students travelling to Los Angeles and Hawaii this year.

We will have hampers going and heaps of yummy kai. Please whanau, COME AND SUPPORT A GREAT KAUPAPA!! All are welcome!!!

Sports Results

FlippaBall is played every Tuesday evenings at The Aquatic Centre. We have 2 teams competing this term and we are very pleased to see so many new swimmers joining in on the FUN!!!

- RPS Makos (Years 3 – 4)
- RPS Rays (Years 5 - 6)

Competition is looking very good for both teams, tau ke, tamariki ma!

Touch

Due to a short season this term and with only 4 – 5 games remaining, this week will be our schools 2nd Round in the Rotorua Touch Tournament. Last week was a learning curve for all players, getting to know each other and playing together as a team.

- RPS Toru (Years 1 – 2)
- RPS Rua (Years 3 – 4)
- RPS Tahī (Years 5 – 6)

Training will be held at school during lunch time every Monday and Wednesday, for RPS Tahī and RPS Toru. RPS Rua will train at 3.30pm every Tuesday evening, on the school field.

Waka Ama

This year, Matua Fred has given our students the opportunity to participate in 'waka ama'. Over the last 4 weeks, 22 keen and eager children have travelled to Koutu to practise and enhance their paddling techniques, water safety, haka, and teamwork skills.

Our Year 6 and Year 8 teams will compete in the first Primary and Intermediate School Waka Ama Nationals Championship at Lake Okareka.

Jump Jam

On Thursday our school was privilege to have former aerobics champion and the founder of Jump Jam, Mr Brett Fairweather visit our school. All tamariki participated in one of Brett's amazing Jump Jam sessions, and after speaking with him, he was very impressed with the natural ability our children have when it comes to exercise, dance and rhythm combined.

We have been invited to enter a team at the Jump Jam Regional Competition which will be held here in Rotorua. We will enter 2 teams consisting of children in Years 4 – 8. If you have an interest in aerobics or dance and are keen to lend a helping hand, please do not hesitate to contact the office and leave your details.

Swimming

Although Summer is nearing an end our school has been taking advantage of the lovely, hot weather. Lunch time 'Slip n Slide' and 'Water Gun Day' has been an awesome success and a lot of fun for all ages!

Our school pool has been put to good use with each classroom participating in swimming lessons at least twice a week. Thank you to New Zealand Coach Henk for helping support our teachers & students with the fundamental skills of swimming

A big 'Thank You!' to those 17 students who represented our school at the Rural Schools Swimming Competition, held at Kaharoa Primary on Friday 1st March.

Congratulations to these students who qualified for the Central BOP Swimming Championships which will be held at The Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 10th April.

Kahurangi Morrison 1st Place Freestyle
1st Place Backstroke
Te Kani Butler 2nd Place Backstroke
Bailey Te Ngahue 3rd Place Backstroke
Tavita Pomale 3rd Place Freestyle
3rd Place Backstroke

Term 2 - Sports and Events

- Rotorua Mini-Marathon
- Netball
- Miniball/Basketball

If you would like our child to participate in any of the sports available in term 2, contact the office or Whaea Margie.

NOTE: All sports draws and event information is available on our school website and app.

Situation Vacant

ROTORUA PRIMARY SCHOOL CARETAKER POSITION

This is part time position, 40 hours per month, commencing Monday, 18 March 2019.

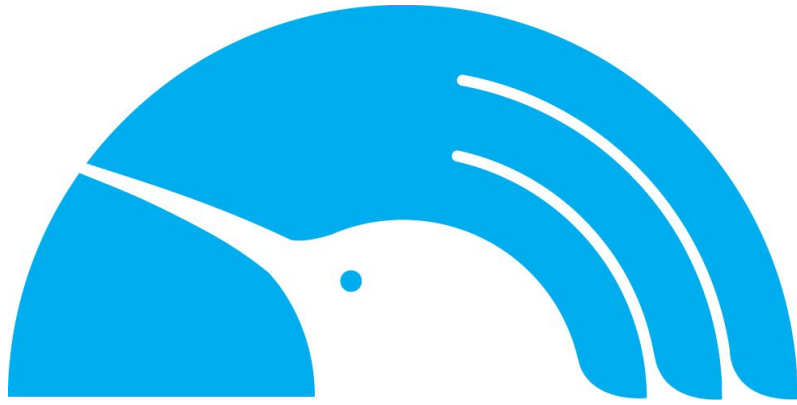
We are looking for a reliable, energetic caretaker who is proactive and able to work alongside staff and pupils in a busy school environment. A job description and application form are available from the Rotorua Primary School office, Phone 07 348-8159. Applications and CV's can be sent to office@rp.school.nz

Closing date: 14 March 2019

Finally, if you have any questions do not hesitate to ask or meet with me to discuss. I will also be available each afternoon of the student, parent and teacher evening.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

Fred Whata
Principal



**Rainbow
Springs
Nature
Park**

Talent Wanted – Rainbow Springs Nature Park

We are excited to announce that we're launching Taonga: Treasures of New Zealand, an informative and entertaining insight into precious treasures which have connected Māori to the land and natural world for hundreds of years. Where our guides share the rich history behind a range of treasures including traditional Māori cloaks, weapons, tools, traps and greenstone.

We need your help to be talent for two hours to assist with our promotional photos, and in return you can spend the rest of the day wandering around our beautiful nature park and getting up close with our precious wildlife.

Details

When: 17 March at 1pm

Where: Rainbow Springs Nature Park

Duration: 2 hours

If you're interested please email emma.mulder@nttourism.co.nz so we can add you to the talent list.