



PRINCIPAL : F. WHATA B.Ed, Dip Tchg

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL MAY 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**. This newsletter outlines a number of important notices and messages for all of our whanau.

### Roll 237 as at 27 May 2019

#### **ROTORUA PRIMARY SCHOOL: Board of Trustees Election Declaration of Parent Election Results**

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

**CALLAGHAN, JOCELYN**

**HAMIORA, MIRIA**

**LINES, NANDIA**

**LOCKWOOD, JADE**

**TOMOANA, TERI**

#### **Declaration of Staff Election Results**

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare the following duly elected

**TE KIRI, MISSY**

Signed

Catherine Lane

Returning Officer

#### **Teacher Strike**

The NZEI has advised the Rotorua Primary Board of Trustees that the Principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action on Wednesday 29 May 2019.

As the Board cannot provide the normal teaching services during the strike, the school will need to be closed for instruction on that day. It is important that you make alternative arrangements for your children on that day as there will be no teaching staff on site.

This may be inconvenient for parents but please be assured that student safety is the Boards main concern.

Thank you for your understanding

### **School Uniform**

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

### **Students Teachers and Learning**

#### **Strategic Intent**

##### **Vision**

Our values will underpin and enrich the delivery of quality, innovative learning experiences and opportunities that prepare our children for the challenges of life, in a supportive and safe learning environment. We will nurture our students to become happy, healthy, and self-confident individuals.

##### **Mission**

Our children will be empowered to become **LIFELONG LEARNERS** through collaborative quality education which strengthens their individual and cultural needs within a safe environment.

#### **Rotorua Primary School - Pukeroa Oruawhata Values**

Our values underpin and enrich the delivery of quality, innovative learning experiences and opportunities that prepare our students for life.

By providing a supportive and safe learning environment, we will nurture our students to become happy, healthy and self confident individuals.

We will support our teachers in their role to ensure all of our students have quality teaching & learning programmes.

##### **Manaaki - Respect**

##### **Mana Whakahaere - Responsibility**

##### **U ki te kaupapa - Reliability**

##### **Tauria tino pai - Role Model**

### **New Zealand Curriculum Key Competencies**

Thinking

Relating to Others

Understanding signs, symbols and text

Managing self

Participating and Contributing

### **21st Century Skills**

**Critical thinking** is all about solving problems

**Creativity** teachers students to think outside the box

**Collaboration** shows students how to work together to achieve a common goal

**Communication** lets students learn how to best convey their ideas

This term “**we will have a relentless focus on targeted students and planning for them, embedded planning in practice, improved student confidence in literacy and numeracy, raised and/or accelerated student achievement in literacy and numeracy**”.

## Technology Programme

In partnership with the Ministry of Education we will be hosting the Digital Ignition/Mapura Matihiko programme for all of our students from Monday 10 June to Wednesday 12 June 2019 in our new Centre for Excellence.

## School Assessments & Reports

Currently we are assessing where your child is at relative to their learning in oral language, reading, writing and maths. We will add overall teacher judgements, moderate all teachers work and then write your students report which will be issued at the end of the term followed by a parents evening in Term 3 to discussion your child's progress.

## School Discipline

We have a new school discipline programme for the school. Please read it carefully...

### HIGH EXPECTATIONS PROCEDURE

Rotorua Primary School has High Expectations for the behaviour of all students. These are clearly stated in the School Charter. Student are expected to respect each other, respect the adults in the school and respect the environment. When there is a breakdown the following Discipline Plan is put into action:

#### Step 1

Students are given a written imposition to be completed within 24 hours. The written imposition, to be signed by parents/caregivers, will also explain all steps in the disciplinary process .

#### Step 2

Students who fail to complete the written imposition will spend a lunch hour with a staff member on duty completing a litter detention.

#### Step 3

Failure to complete Step 1 and Step 2 will mean that the student will spend 3.00pm to 4.00pm the following Wednesday afternoon doing school or community service.

#### Step 4

If the student has progressed beyond Step 3 they will be required to spend two hours at school on a Saturday morning doing school or community service. If they choose not to do this, their parents/caregivers will be invited to meet with the Principal, with the possibility of a stand down for gross disobedience.

To the Parents/Caregiver of ..... Room .....

The student in your care is requested to complete this detention exercise below because:

.....  
Date of issue.....

Date handed in .....

Signed .....

Parent/Caregiver.....

This imposition needs to be completed and given to the teacher by the due date. If not you will be placed on Step 2 of the Discipline Plan

You must complete either Tasks (A) AND (B) OR (C)

### **Task A**

Please copy out the following in your own handwriting

I must concentrate on doing my school work and behave in an appropriate manner during class time. The discussion of my social interests and behaviour that is disruptive to the rest of the class or the lesson will not be tolerated. Most issues can and will wait till the end of the class time when I can then be fully involved in my own concerns.

It is very important that I make a genuine effort with the learning process, so that at the end of the school year I will have prepared myself fully, ready to move onto the next level of learning. It is also unfair not to allow others to make the best use of their time when they are involved in doing their work.

The development of my self discipline and self control is also a very important part of my growth which will allow me to fit comfortably into different systems and routines so that when I leave Rotorua Primary School - Pukeroa Oruawhata I will then be able to make a worthwhile contribution to society. A sense of timing knowing what is appropriate behaviour and respect of others all contribute to a person having a sense of occasion. It appears that, for the moment, I do need the help of other people to impose these values for me.

### **Task B**

Use a dictionary - either at home or in the school library, to give one meaning for each of the following words.

Courtesy

Tolerance

Punctuality

Regulations

Respect

Positive

Honesty

Expectation

### **Task C**

Complete the task given to you by your teacher

Teachers

If the student fails to complete this imposition, please fill in a Stage 2 slip and hand it to the student.

F.Whata

Principal

### **FaceBook Page**

Check out our school FaceBook Page with all of our latest stories and events.

### **Term 2 Sports Update**

Winter Sports is in 'full swing'.

#### **Chess**

Matua Sam has a strong and focused chess team this year. Last years champions have returned to defend their titles and we have a number of new competitors who are ready for the chess challenge. The Regional Chess Competition will be held on Friday 7 June 2019.

#### **Cross-Country - Senior**

The Senior Cross Country was held last Thursday. Congratulations to the 30 students who will be representing their whanau and school at the Rural Schools Cross Country Competition to be held at Kaharoa School, Wednesday 19th June 2019. Training for our athletes will consist of daily lunchtime super runs up until the competition.

Mr Whata and Whaea Joan made the day extra special with sausage sizzle for all students and whanau an emergency fire drill when the bbq activated the fire alarm.

## Results

### Boys

	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
<b>1st</b>	Reece-Ariki	Brodie	Te Rauna	Jarahn	Tavita
<b>2nd</b>	Teuamairangi	Te Mauri	Mathaiyus	Rhydahr	Taine
<b>3rd</b>	Luke	Taine	Arys	Rauparaha	Dallas

### Girls

	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
<b>1st</b>	Raupare	Hinewai	Ariana-Daryl	Jaya	Bailey
<b>2nd</b>	Amaia	Kahurangi	Kalea	Addison	Sierra-Louise
<b>3rd</b>	Isabel	Skylar	Ares	Ella-Marie	Bianca

### Hockey

Whaea Teri has registered 3 teams in the Rotorua Primary School Hockey Competition. Our teams consist of both boys and girls and competing very well in their respective grades. It is good to see new players joining the fun this year.

### Miniball/Basketball

We have six teams playing in the Rotorua Basketball Competition.

RPS Kakano – Year 1 & 2

RPS Pihinga – Year 3

RPS Mahuri – Year 4

RPS Totara – Year 5

RPS Rangatahi – Year 6

RPS Tuakana – Year 7 & 8 Mixed

On Friday 31 May, a team of Year 7 & 8 Boys will represent our kura at the Intermediate Schools Invitational Basketball. The tournament which will be held at the Rotorua Events Centre. Each of the boys chosen to play in this tournament brings his own individual skills and strengths to the team. For 4 of these boys, basketball was something they just played at break time; so, this will be an awesome opportunity and experience for them all!

Kia kaha tama ma!

### Netball

We have three teams playing in the Rotorua Netball Competition.

RPS Nohinohi – Year 1 & 2 and RPS Bronze – Year 3 & 4, play every Monday evenings.

These team participate in the 'Mother Earth Future Fern's Skills Programme, which integrates skills and abilities before engaging in the 'physical' side of the game.

RPS Gold – Year 5 & 6 are spectacular in their competition with the help of their awesome coach; Whaea Jeanette.

### Pedal Ready

During week 2 and 3, our school had the opportunity to take part in the 'Pedal Ready Programme'. When a huge shipping container arrived at school-opened its doors-and inside

were 30 bicycles, the children were amazed! Classes from Years 3 –8 were able to learn safety skills, when cycling. Courses and scenarios were set up on the field to mimic situations that tamariki may encounter when riding on the road. This programme was very successful and we look forward to welcoming the 'Pedal Ready' Programme next year.

### **Play-Based Learning**

Play-based learning is designed to help students become engaged in their learning, through pure play. Students are able to explore various equipment and materials; letting their imagination and ideas come to life. Tamariki are loving the building equipment which is set-up outside the school office. During the break times, you can see students of all ages; socializing, designing, measuring and modifying, through construction. Some children make forts, while others make houses and castles, and some build ramps for the cyclists. Wooden spools are now the next best thing to a bicycle! If you're not a member of our school Facebook page I suggest you have a look at all the fun that happens here during and after school.

### **Help**

We are on the hunt for plastic piping, spouting or any other various materials you may have lying around at home, to extend our free play area.

Sports equipment is placed on the courts during interval and lunch breaks for those tamariki who want to practise their skills or just to play with a ball. Our school grounds are 'the place to be' during break time and it is fantastic to see our school values being implemented and used by our tamariki every day!

Good luck to all our sports teams and a big thank you, to all our coaches and whanau for your ongoing support!

### **Cultural Events**

The school will be entering the **New Zealand School Students Chinese Song Contest**. We will be practicing with TK Webster & Leeda Webster to record and submit our entry by August 2 2019.

During the **Rhapsody Rotorua Music Festival** we will also be hosting an Australian school that will perform to our students at 1.15pm Wednesday 1 July 2019.

To the future we are investigating hosting **International Students** for short term stays in our school. The revenue raised from the **International Students Programme** we be invested in your child's learning needs focussing on the New Zealand Curriculum Key Competencies & 21 Century Skills.

### **Advertisements**

#### **Secondhand Sale**

#### **Designer Clothes/Shoes/Accessories**

Free Community Event for buyers & sellers

Venue: Rotorua Primary School

Sunday 9 June 2019

Time: 9-11am

#### **Mobile Personal Trainer**

Louise Beauchamp

Ph: 0279173109

**Kids Central & Rotorua Primary School**

After School Care 3pm - 6pm

Holiday Programme

Enquire Now

**We now up up and operating**

Congratulations to all of our students and teachers who continue to work hard both inside and outside the classroom. I know we have made a number of changes to our curriculum programme, assessment and evaluation in the best interests of everyone who chooses to teach and learn at Rotorua Primary - Pukeroa Oruawhata.

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

Nga tamariki o Pukeroa Oruawhata, Nga tamariki o Pukeroa Oruawhata, Nga tamariki o Pukeroa Oruawhata

What is the most import thing in the world?

The children of Pukeroa Oruawhata, The children of Pukeroa Oruawhata, The children of Pukeroa Oruawhata.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

**Fred Whata**

**Principal**