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## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL JULY 2019

Tena koutou katoa,

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. This newsletter outlines a number of messages for all of our students, whanau and community.

### **Roll 243 as at 5 July 2019**

### **FaceBook Page**

Check out our school FaceBook Page with all of our latest stories and events relevant to your child and our school.

### **Student Engagement**

In partnership with the Ministry of Education we hosted **The Digital Ignition/Mapura Matihiko Programme** for all of our Rumaki students from Monday 10 June to Wednesday 12 June 2019 in our new **Centre of Technology Excellence**. An amazing experience for all of students exploring, collaborating, solving problems in the technology space.

### **Students, Teachers & Learning Reports**

Mid year reports will be issued for your child this Friday 5 July 2019. We are reporting on reading, writing and mathematics. Specifically, we are informing you where your child's learning is at and where they need to be by the end of the year. What are the next learning steps for your child to be achieving at the expected level.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent Interviews will be held Term 3 Week 1 **Thursday 25 July 2019 from 3.15pm to 6.30pm** Parents/Caregivers are asked to contact their child's teacher directly at school or through the teacher's school email to organise an interview time on this day. Parents who cannot attend interviews on this day can arrange an alternative time with the class teacher.

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## **Matariki**

Our schoolwide Matariki Day shared with whanau produced some cool work from all of our students. Teachers, students and whanau really enjoyed all of the workshops throughout the day and this marks the beginning of an ongoing **Matariki Programme** specifically designed for our students, whanau and the wider community.

## **House of Science**

I am pleased to advise that all teachers and classes will be actively involved with the House of Science Programme in Terms 3 & 4.

## **Write That Essay**

Write That Essay continues to grow and develop in our school at all levels. Staff PLD has provided the necessary skills and knowledge for our teachers to further enhance your child's writing ability. Below are two examples for your information and perusal.

## **Alternate Universe**

### **By Shyzelle Te Aonui**

I arose from my beauty sleep, feeling an itch on my chin. I leapt out of bed and glanced in the mirror.

"Ahhhhh!!" I roared.

I had developed a full size, unshaven, spiky beard. I shaved it off and found myself with an utterly spiky chin. I peered out my window to a dark night. But it's two in the afternoon.

"What's happening?" I cried.

My dog entered my room.

"Hello buddy," my dog said.

"Ahhhhh! You can speak".

"Of course," my dog said. "Come on now, breakfast is ready".

I rushed down stairs and ate my cereal in shock.

"What's happening?" I said to my dog.

"Uhhhhh, bye!"

My dog ran out of the room. I sat in my chair with a million thoughts rushing through my brain. I meandered outside into the cold, confused and dizzy... Then boom!!

I had been hit by a car. I woke up in my bed. I took a glance in the mirror, no beard. I took a look outside to a sunny day and saw my dog barking.

"What just happened?" I murmured in a wondrous manner.

I feel happy and elated that I'm living normally again.

**Teacher comment: Shyzelle - This is a neat piece of writing. We haven't needed to alter the content at all. As a next step, we need to work on structuring writing that contains direct speech. We will look at this next term.**

## **Batman's Night Out**

### **By Luke Cunningham**

I picked up the phone and said, "Who's there?" in a deep, raspy voice.

In response, I heard a familiar voice.

"Good evening master Wayne. It's me, Alfred."

"Jesus, Alfred! You almost spooked me. Just then, I thought you were the Joker or Two-Face!"

"Sorry Sir. But well, speaking of the Joker, he actually left you a video-call. Here, I'll play it."

"Hello Batsy! I just called to say I left an old friend on top of Arkham Asylum. If you have any further questions, go to 028 982556... Bwahahahaha"

Teacher comment: Luke - this is an excellent piece of writing. You have the beginnings of a very readable story. I have not needed to change any of your content. All I have adjusted is the structure. As a next step, you will need to learn how to structure a piece of writing that contains direct speech. Let's work on that in Term 3.

## **Maths Whizz**

At Rotorua Primary School our students have been actively involved in an online independent Mathematics learning opportunity called Mathswizz. Children work towards achieving increments of achievement namely "Progressions" with every progression children are awarded credits to spend on upgrading items in their online study room. Classroom teachers are involved in the learning process by viewing classroom data and monitoring progressions throughout the week. Children are expected to maintain a 3 progression average per week which are tailored to their own learning pace, and age level. The opportunity to learn Mathematics in a fun environment, digital literacy progression helps to engage our students in Mathematics. During the term we monitor classes for most progressions for the academic year. Congratulations to the following classes who are top 3 classes in the school for "Average Weekly progressions".

**1st Place** - Ruma 11 - 2.4 Average Weekly Progressions

**2nd Place** - Ruma 12 - 2.4 Average Weekly Progressions

**3rd Place** - Ruma 10 - 2.0 Average Weekly Progressions

## **Top Year Groups**

**1st** - Year 5

**2nd** - Year 7

**3rd** - Year 6

## **Assessment**

In Term 3 & 4 the PACT Tool will be used to assess all students in Year 1 to Year 8 in reading, writing and mathematics. This will add another dimension to our assessment processes and in turn help develop the next learning steps for your child.

## Prefects

Congratulations to our prefect team who have been absolutely fantastic in Term 2 leading our school.

Activity	Prefects
Running school hui	All Prefects
Duties as required	All Prefects
Rubbish duty	All Prefects
Kapa Haka Leadership	Bailey, Tavita
Laundry	Dallas, Tavita, Taine, Cazna
Rotorua Basketball Representative	Tavita, Bailey
School Basketball	Tavita, Taine, Dallas, Bailey
Interschool sports coaches	All Prefects
Photographer	Kiara-Jade

## Student Graduation Profile

It is the teaching staff goal to implement the student graduation profile compiled from our parent survey. This year our first graduates will be able to individually measure if they have exceeded their parents expectations culturally, socially, physically and spiritually.

### STUDENT GRADUATION PROFILE 2019 - 2021

#### **CULTURALLY: To be proud to be Maori.**

To know and understand and appreciate their cultural heritage, ancestry and language.

To be bilingual, confident and competent in both the Maori and English language.

Learn the importance of te ao Maori, tikanga, kawa, whakapapa.

To be culturally aware of our environment and how to look after it.

To be culturally aware and have respect for themselves and others.

To acknowledge and respect the cultures of others.

#### **SOCIALLY: To have a can do attitude to Life.**

To be able to relate well with others.

To be socially confident and interactive in any space.

To develop social skills that will help them in any situation.

To be respectful honest and humble with aroha.

#### **PHYSICALLY: To be strong mentally and physically**

To have a good understanding of a healthy lifestyle for the body mind and spirit.

To be confident, resilient, disciplined, committed to all physical activities.

### **Sports News & Highlights - End of Term 2**

With Term 2 at an end all winter sports will continue to the end of Term 3. Our miniball, hockey and netball teams are all thriving in their competitions and we look forward to their ongoing results in the future.

#### **Chess**

Congratulations to our Chess team who secured a place at the 2019 National Chess Tournament to be held in Christchurch later in the year.

#### **Cross Country**

Last week Sierra-Louise and Te Rauna represented our whanau and kura at the Bay of Plenty Cross Country Championships and performed with distinction.

#### **Inter School Sports Exchanges**

Rotorua Primary School - Pukeroa Oruawhata versus Owhata and Rotokawa in 'Clash of the Codes – Tri-Series Competition' in basketball, hockey, netball, rugby and soccer.

#### **Round 1**

- **RPS vs Owhata      5 wins**
- **RPS vs Rotokawa    3 wins & 2 loses**

#### **Round 2 begins next term!**

#### **Term 3**

We look forward to competing at the 'Winter Sports Field Days' Competition.

#### **Term 4**

Touch and FlippaBall will start again.

#### **Cultural Events**

As a school we have been practicing our entry for the **New Zealand School Students Chinese Song Contest** to be held in August. Thank you so much to TK Webster & Leeda Webster for your teaching, patience and guidance.

To wrap **Matariki**, **Cliff Curtis** presented our students with their Duffy Books on Wednesday. Checkout our FaceBook page for the photos, comments and videos.

For this week's **Rhapsody Rotorua Music Festival** we hosted Como Secondary College from Australia who performed for our students on Wednesday.

#### **Advertisements**

### **Kids Central & Rotorua Primary School**

After School Care 3pm - 6pm

#### **Holiday Programme**

Enquire Now

Email: [admin@cornerstonechildren.co.nz](mailto:admin@cornerstonechildren.co.nz)

Phone: 073501344 or 0272923296

#### **Key Dates**

Friday 2 August 2019	New Zealand School Students Chinese Song Contest 2019
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Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 August 2019	Chinese International Students Programme
Friday 9 August 2019	Photolife School photos
Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 August 2019	Aquabots Build Day - Select students from Year 4-6 and Year 7-8
Wednesday 8 April 2020	Rotorua Primary School Pasifika Festival

Congratulations to all our students, whanau and school community for a fantastic work ethic during an exciting and very successful Term 2 at Rotorua Primary - Pukeroa Oruawhata.

Enjoy your holiday break with whanau.

**Matariki Hunga Nui, Matariki Ahunga Nui**  
**'Matariki has many admirers, Matariki brings us together'**

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

**Fred Whata**  
**Principal**

**Term 3 starts Monday 22 July 2019**