



PRINCIPAL : F. WHATA B.Ed, Dip Tchg

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL FEBRUARY 2020

Nga mihi o te tau hou 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.

Welcome back to our returning and new students. I trust you all enjoyed break and are ready to accelerate your learning further in reading, writing and maths.

Roll 262 as at 10 February 2020

Term 1 Scheduled Reviews

- Recognition of Cultural Diversity - Board members, staff and parents

Parents we require your feedback please go to the Current Review tab on our School Docs site

[School Docs](#) Rotorua School user name: rp password: respect.

It has review instructions, and links to the current review topics for you to complete. Your support helps us develop and implement our school policies and procedures in the best interest of our student, parents and wider community.

Powhiri

The school powhiri last week was fantastic and with 51 new enrolments our current school roll continues to climb.

Prefects 2020

Congratulations to our head prefects for 2020; Head Boy - Rauparaha Peni, Head Girl - Ella-Marie Westman, Deputy Head Girl - Naveda Tatham. A prefects team will be announced throughout Term 1 to complement our head prefects.

No School Fees

There will be no school fees this year apart from team sports fees.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is up and running again. We averaged 15 -20 students everyday last week. All students are welcome to breakfast and parents wanting to help can pop in between 8.15am to 8.40am each day.

Free & Healthy Lunches in Schools

This programme has been fantastic for our school. The students are loving their free & healthy lunches in school. Yum!!! The menu will be posted on our website.

Fruit in Schools

Fruit in schools will begin this week to complement our breakfast and lunches.

Kids Cann

The Kids Cann Programme will also begin this term. More information and details to follow in the next newsletter.

Tech Arts at WHHS

This year all Year 7 & 8 students will attend Tech Arts at Western Heights High School every Wednesday from 9.00am to 12.00pm beginning 12 February 2020.

New Decks

The new decks outside Rooms 1 to 3 are nearly complete. The new decks will also extend from Rooms 4 - 7 during the next holiday period.

School Mural

I am pleased to advise our new school murals for our white wall and caretaker's garages will begin on Monday 17 February 2020 by jonny4higher who painted the murals across the road at the Lava Bar.

NZ Bikes in Schools

Construction of our new bike track begins on March 5 2020. The asphalt track circles our top field and will include a pump track, skills area, treeline track and a 40ft container to store and maintain our 45 bikes.

E Sports

I am pleased to advise we will be launching our E Sports Programme at school with a short survey for students and parents. During our Gala Day we will have our E Sports Arena set up so students, parents and whanau can experience E Sports gain further information and provide feedback.

Teaching & Learning

We are so excited to turbo boost our learning in writing, reading and mathematics. We will further lift and complement our learning with the integration of technology as a key tool to our success. During the year we will be running a series of parents evening to showcase what we are doing.

Sports - Term 1

If your child is interested please see the following teachers in charge

Sport	Teacher in Charge
Flippa Ball	Whaea Margie
Touch	Whaea Margie
E Sports	Matua Sam

School App

Our school app is downloadable from the Google Play Store and Apple store - no cost involved. This is intended for sharing notices and information with our families.

The school app is not used for posting photos or videos. However, any images in the school newsletter will be visible through the school app. Our school app will give you access to notices, sports draws, newsletters, and any other particular groups that you'd like to subscribe to.

Facebook Page

As we work towards ensuring that all whanau and extended whanau are up to date with current events and successes of your tamariki, we are using as many platforms as possible.

The Rotorua Primary School Facebook (primary means of communication) page is a closed group which can be accessed by whanau of our school. This is a closed group, and users will need to be accepted by our administrator in order to interact with our page. This page will be used to share information about school-wide events: includes comments, photos, live streams and is aimed at current parents/whanau, the wider community and prospective parents. Our official Facebook group can be found by searching "Rotorua Primary School" or using the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RotoruaPrimary>

iPads for 2020

Please purchase your iPad and MDM for 2020 from Noel Leeming, our partner. Ask for the Rotorua Primary School discount. Further details will be posted on the School App.

Free Garden Mulch

The school has free garden mulch for whanau to pick as required on the top field adjacent to the Kohanga Reo.

Key Dates

Tuesday 18 to Thursday 20 February 2020	I'olani School - Hawaii School Exchange
Wednesday 19 February 2020	SCHOOL GALA DAY
Saturday 28 March 2020	Rotorua Primary School Pasifika Festival

Nga mihi tino nui ki a koutou katoa.

Fred Whata

Principal

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