



Rutherford
Primary
School



1 JULY 2024
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KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU/GREETINGS FAMILIES

Nau mai, haere mai ki wiki waru. Welcome to week 10 of term 2.

I hope you all had an enjoyable Matariki weekend. I attended the Hautapu at the Te Atatū community centre on Saturday morning. There were members of our community saying karakia for each whetū/star and sharing the significance of each one. It was nice to have members of Rutherford College Kapa Haka accompanying. Following, there was warm soup, bread, fruit and pastries, along with tea and coffee to start the day. The Te Atatū Marae committee need to be acknowledged for their tremendous coordination of this wonderful community event.

This week we have our Celebrate Learning at Rutherford end of term assembly. We look forward to welcoming you to this special event where we celebrate our tamariki.

On Friday, your children will be bringing home their term 2 learning stories. Look out for them in their bags.

WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD

I tēnei wiki - This Week

4 July	End of Term Assembly
5 July	Cle@R Learning Stories go home End of Term 2

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 3

22 July	Start of Term 3
23 July	Keeping Ourselves Safe Whānau Information session 2.30pm - 3pm
23 July	Board of Trustees meeting
24 July	The Floor is Lava Auckland Museum program for year 1s
25 July	The Floor is Lava Auckland Museum program for year 2s & 3s.
27 July	All day wananga for Kapa Haka competition group.
30 & 31 July	The Floor is Lava Auckland Museum program for year 4s to 6s
1 August	Year 6 trip to Rangitoto
12-16 August	Maths week
14-23 August	Keeping Ourselves Safe Program
21 August	Interschool Netball
27 August	Board of Trustees meeting
30 August - 27 September (Fridays)	Year 3-6 Swimming at Swimsation
7 September	Kapa Haka competition group dress rehearsal
11 September	Interschool Speech competition
16-20 September	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
24 September	Interschool Basketball
24 September	Board of Trustees meeting
27 September	End of Term 3

This week our Whakatauki o tēnei wiki/
whakatauki of this week is;

Whaowhia te kete mātauranga

Fill the basket of knowledge

This Whakatauki speaks to the importance of learning.

WHAT'S ON TOP? He aha kei runga?

Health and Physical Education Consultation.

A reminder to please share your thoughts about the Health and Physical Education program at Rutherford. The survey will remain open till the end of the week.

Health and Physical Education Consultation



TO RUTHERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Isaac Allpress

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Term 3 8 September Brick Show

All details for events will be advised. If you would like to help with fundraising please contact us at office@rutherfordprimary.school.nz.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

OVERALL TO DATE:	88%	Of the 14% of children absent,
LAST WEEK:	86%	8.4% of those were absent due to illness.
LATE TO SCHOOL:	1.6%	



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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT RUTHERFORD

I tērā wiki - Last week

Rippa Rugby interschool (Year 4-6)

Huge thanks to our two dads, Malcolm Paterson and Zensei Inu for stepping in last minute to save the trip and help out as parent helpers. Our tamariki had a fabulous day and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Auckland Rugby for a great day.



AT RUTHERFORD WE:



We actively listen while someone is talking.

We walk to the hall and classroom, quietly and leave quietly.

We show our appreciation when someone has been awarded a certificate or reward.

We say 'thank you' when we are given a reward or certificate.

FROM OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We are now past the shortest day in the year as we celebrate Matariki and had our last school board meeting for term two. We looked at our school mathematics and statistics report and we thanked Jules Coup for her hardwork and leadership in this space.

A reminder to us all that for our children's learning journey to be a success it takes partnership in community and whanau have a tremendous role to play alongside school staff. We welcome parent assistance and expertise, so please speak to Michelle in the office if you (or a whanau member) have time to volunteer. There are many opportunities throughout the year from reading support, sausage sizzles to building and class support.

The school disco was an absolute hit for our children and huge appreciation goes to our amazing staff who gave their time to create a fun school event. We also appreciate the hard work that went into the Celebrate Learning conferences, allowing space for parents and caregivers to connect with their children's learning journey.

We want to thank everyone for supporting our Matariki raffle, especially those who provided us with sponsorship. Matariki is a time we can honour the past, celebrate the future, look at the stars, spend time with family and improve our environment. We declare a safe and happy school holiday and may everyone come back refreshed and energised for more exciting learning opportunities in term 3.

Your board of trustees
Ingrid, Jeff, Roshan, Gina, Fran and Paul.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT RUTHERFORD

BOOK FAIR - THANK YOU

WE RAISED \$1,140.00!

All proceeds go towards new resources!

Firstly I would like to thank all the friends and whanau of Rutherford Primary for supporting the Book Fair this year. With your support we will be able to buy more resources for the school.

I would also like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped run the Book Fair. Without their support these events would never happen.



This year we held a colouring competition for the Book Fair.

We had many fantastic entries, which made Mrs Collins and my job very hard.

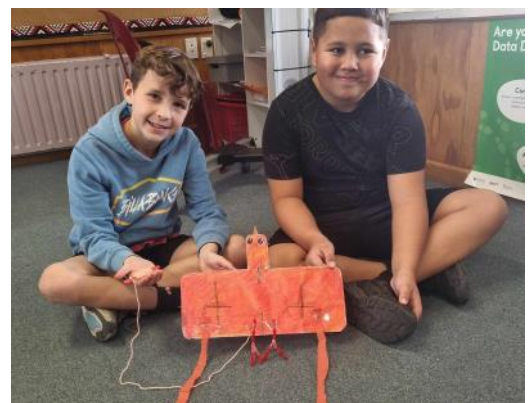
Thank you again, Arlene.

Here are the winners with their artwork and their new books.



SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING - ROOM 13

Our spotlight on learning from last week is on Room 13s exploration of the concept of 'air'. They explored these concepts by making kites and wind vanes. Ka rawe room 13.





WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT RUTHERFORD

Combined schools Matariki event (Pasifika and Kapa Haka)

Last Thursday we were fortunate to be part of the community Matariki festival at the Te Atatū Community centre. We took 80 tamariki across our Pasifika and Kapa Haka groups. We want to acknowledge Whaea Selesa, Whaea Jess, Kōkā Ivana and Matua Trey (our Pasifika tutors) for tutoring our tamariki and supporting on the day. We also acknowledge Sione and Kauri from Rutherford College who are the drummers for our group. We acknowledge Matua Jeff, and Whaea Tiana for tutoring our kapa haka tamariki, along with Matua Paratene and Sione, Kauri, and Hunter who all supported on the day.

Thanks to the staff who assisted on the day and to the families who came along to support. We were very proud of our tamariki.





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ATTENDANCE AT RUTHERFORD

Attending school every day unless sick makes a big difference to children's progress and social connection with their friends.

Our aim is to have all children at school at least 90% of the time. This means that children will have no more than 5 days off school each 10 week term. You will be contacted if attendance slips beyond 90%.

Please remember to contact us if your child is going to be absent. We need to code your child's roll according to the Ministry of Education's guidelines.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please choose one of the following options:

- [Notify an absence through the Etap Parent Portal](#)
- [Phone 834 5467 and leave a message](#)
- [Or text the school cellphone 022 324 3942](#)

If the school is not informed of your child's absence/s they will be marked as truant.

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Please apply in writing to:

principal@rutherfordprimary.school.nz

Please also let your child's teacher know.

Include the dates you will be absent. We will pre-code your child's attendance for those days.

These will be coded as an explained but unjustified absence.



LATE TO SCHOOL

Students who arrive after **8.50am MUST report to the school office to sign in.**



Please make your child aware that if they arrive after the bell has gone, they must report to the office to sign in avoiding the need to get in touch with parents.

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

Children are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

The teacher and office staff must be informed and the child signed out before leaving the school grounds.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR DETAILS

It's really important to get in touch with you in an emergency. Please let us know any changes to your address, phone number or caregivers so we can keep our records up to date.



ORDER school lunches ONLINE...
delivered to school

ezlunch.co.nz

Sushi Ami	Mondays and Thursdays
Subway	Wednesdays
Pita Pit	Tuesdays and Fridays

Menu items vary in price.
Orders made online only. No cash sales.
Orders close at 9am

IMPORTANT NOTICES



Helmets

Make sure your child wears a helmet when riding their bike or scooter to school. Bikes and scooters must be walked across pedestrian crossings and in the school grounds.

Road safety

We remind you not to stop on yellow lines or drop off in driveways as this becomes a safety hazard for our children.

Parking

Parents and caregivers are permitted to park at the church on Old Te Atatu Road and walk the short distance to school. Please arrange a meeting spot after school with your child/ren.

The school carpark is for staff, visitors and contractors only.

Late to pick up your child/ren

Please phone the school office if you are stuck in traffic or are going to be late. We can arrange for your child to come to the library to wait for you. Siblings of Rutherford College students get picked up from the library.

Dropping off lunches, hats, drink bottles

Drop belongings into the office for your child and we will call for them to collect at an appropriate time. Sometimes they may be in another class or in the swimming pool.