



KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU/GREETINGS FAMILIES

Nau mai, hoki mai. Welcome back. We had a great first day of term yesterday for the children who were able to make it to school.

We had over 40 children absent yesterday, but we hope to see them return today. We have lots of exciting learning and opportunities planned for this term which we look forward to sharing with you.

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

Ki te kotahi te kakaho ka whati, Ki te kapuia e kore e whati

If there is but one reed it will break, but if it is bunched together it will not. Alone we can be broken. Standing together, we are invincible

A proverb referring to the importance of collaboration and working together. This whakatauki aligns to our school value of whanaungatanga and our vision of working together, along with our strategic goal of growing collaborative practices.

WHAT'S ON TOP? He aha kei runga?



Hats, and wet weather

Children no longer have to wear hats when outside, however the New Zealand sun is still strong and it is a good idea to still wear a hat even on overcast days.

We have been incredibly fortunate with lots of fine days, but we do expect this term to see an increase in rainy days. Please make sure your children have suitable wet weather gear. We try to allow the children to be outside as much as possible. Changes of clothes are also important.

School start time

We have noticed an increase of children arriving for school at 8.50am. This is our start time, but when children are walking in the gate at this time, it does not give them time to connect with peers, put their things away and settle in for the day before learning starts. Learning starts at 8.50am, so it is important that children arrive in their classrooms no later than 8.45am so they have time to settle in.



Noho ora mai
Amanda Bennett
Tumuaki/Principal

WELCOME TO SCHOOL



Rose Coup, Nusaiba Hasan and Isaiah Heta Karena

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 2

29 April	First day of term 2. School starts at 8.50am
30 April	Board of Trustees meeting
6 May	Health & PE consultation starts
9 May	New to Rutherford Pōwhiri
13-14 May	NZSO Music Experience
17 May	Kōtuku Rerengātahi museum trip
24 May	Future leaders day
28 May	Interschool Football (Year 4-6)
28 May	Board of Trustees meeting
29 May	Whānau open afternoon
31 May	Staff only day (School closed)
3 June	Kings birthday holiday (School closed)
25 June	Rippa Rugby interschool (Year 4-6)
25 June	Board of Trustees meeting
26 & 27 June	Celebrate learning at Rutherford whānau meetings
27 June	Combined schools Matariki event (Kapa Haka)
28 June	Matariki holiday (School closed)
5 July	End of term 2

Other events may be added as the term progresses. Hubs will send notices for upcoming events through the parent portal.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

17 May	Pink Shirt Day - wear pink - gold coin koha
20 June	Matariki Disco
23 June	Car Boot Sale
12 June	Matariki Raffle tickets go on sale
26 June	Matariki Raffle Drawn
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. All help is appreciated!

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.




GF & vegetarian options

ORDER school lunches ONLINE...

delivered to school



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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.