



KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU/GREETINGS FAMILIES

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to week 2 of term 2.

Last week and again this week we are welcoming a number of new families to Rutherford. It is wonderful to see our community growing. This week we have our pōwhiri where we will officially welcome our new tamariki and whānau who have joined us recently.

Coming up on the 29 May at 9am is our whānau open morning. This is an opportunity for whānau to come and join in the learning with their children and get an insight into school life. It is a drop in time, where you can stay till 11am or pop in for a short time on your way to work. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui
Be Strong, be brave, be determined

Noho ora mai
Amanda Bennett

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

Kia tika te whakamahi i tō rākau
Use your stick wisely.

This Whakatauki refers to using your talents to support others. This links to our school value of manaakitanga (kindness and doing for others) and our value of whanaungatanga (our interactions with others)

Pōwhiri

Thursday 9th May

We will be officially welcoming our new tamariki, whānau and staff to Rutherford. Please join us in the staffroom at 10.15am if you are able to attend. A morning tea in the staffroom will follow the pōwhiri.



Our wonderful
ECO corner garden
and orchard.

WELCOME TO SCHOOL



Emilia and Santino Gonzalez, Pounamu Heeney
and Ayaan Jalan

WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD

I tēnei wiki - This Week

9 May New to Rutherford Pōwhiri

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 2

- 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!



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AN UPDATE FROM OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora to our Rutherford Whanau and Kaimahi,

Welcome to Term 2! We hope that everyone had a good term break after a very busy start to the year.

Here's a little summary of the board's recent activities:

We are preparing our annual report to the Ministry of Education. The report provides a summary of the schools' strategic plan, student achievement targets and progress, employment policy and financial statements and audit for the prior year (2023). The final version will be published on the school's website.

The school has developed a new logo that incorporates our school culture, history and values. You will notice the new logo being progressively rolled out on letterheads, signage, newsletters and certificates. There are plans to incorporate the new logo into the new building which will be exciting to see. A big thanks to those members of the board and our school community who helped with the design of the new logo.

We are working on developing a new policy which offers optional exit interviews to departing staff.

We considered quotes for the installation of carpet in the hall. An installer has been selected and the installation will take place later in the year. The carpet will improve the acoustics and insulation in the hall and will be more comfortable for tamariki to sit on during assemblies.

The fundraising subcommittee has met to discuss ideas for this year. A car boot sale, Matariki disco and raffle are planned for

this term. Keep a look out in the school newsletter for further information!

Our school will be hosting the Te Kahu te Rēhia Kapa Haka competition with the support Rutherford College as a venue in November. Amanda successfully applied for a grant to cover the hire costs of a suitable stage for this event. The school will be looking for volunteers to assist with the day later this term.

The new classroom build is progressing well, with completion estimated to be in September. Board members were given an opportunity to attend the walk-through sessions in Term 1. It is looking amazing!

We are investigating development of a landscape concept plan for the school. If you have skills in this area or know of someone that we could approach for quotes, we would love to hear from you.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28th May.

If you have any questions or queries for the board, you can email:

boardchair@rutherfordprimary.school.nz

Nga mihi nui,

Your Rutherford Primary School Board of Trustees:

Fran Hooper (Presiding Member), Amanda Bennett (Principal), Paul O'Leary-Ryan (Staff Trustee), Jeff Ruha, Roshan Allpress, Gina Cotton and Ingrid Papau (Parent Trustees)



German Language Classes

German Language Students from Rutherford College plan to offer German Language Courses again.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays after school from 3.15- 4 pm commencing in week 3, Term 2.

Classes will cover content such as greetings, numbers, colours, fruit, days, months, pets and family. The children will also be part of a short play or song in German at Rutherford College's International Languages Night.

To sign up, please fill out an enrollment form from the office and return it to school.

A gold coin donation for each lesson would be appreciated to cover costs for resources.

Please pick up an enrolment form from the office if you are interested.

For further questions contact Petra Scheffer-Cosslett. schefferp@rutherford.school.nz



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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.



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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.