



## KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU/GREETINGS FAMILIES

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to week 3 of term 2. We hope everyone had the opportunity to acknowledge or think about the women in their lives who are special or who have had an impact. I want to acknowledge the mothers on our staff. Teaching often calls upon us to make sacrifices of time with our own families, particularly when we have evening, weekend commitments and things like school camps. I'm sure you join me in thanking the mothers on our staff for their mahi (work).

Thank you to our new whānau who were able to attend our pōwhiri last Thursday. It was a wonderful event.

You will have heard in the media the governments decision for all schools to be delivering structured literacy. I am pleased to let you know that we already deliver structured literacy in our year 1 classes and had plans in place to extend this. We have applied for training for our year 2-3 teachers, however due to the fact that there are more teachers in New Zealand than there is training available, we will need to see what that looks like. I look forward to updating you when we have more information.

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

Noho ora mai  
Amanda Bennett  
Tumuaki/Principal

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

**Ko au ko te taiao,  
Ko te taiao ko au**  
I am the environment, and the environment is me

*This Whakatauki is an important part of our tamariki (children's learning) as it relates directly to the learning they do as part of our kura taiao program (environmental education). We hope to teach our children that we are reliant on the environment and the environment is reliant on us. Therefore, we must care for our environment so it can provide for us.*

## WHAT'S ON TOP? He aha kei runga?

### Open Morning

On Wednesday 29 May we will hold an open morning where you can come along and see your children's classrooms in action and join in with their learning. This will be from 8.50am to 11am. We will send an official invite this week, but want to give you advance notice should you wish to take the morning off work or go in a bit later.

### Staff only day 31 May

A reminder that on Friday 31 May we have our Ministry of Education scheduled staff only day. The purpose of this day is to provide staff with time to meet together to develop our curriculum. School will be closed on this day. SKIDs will operate if they have enough children. If you'd like to book your child in, please contact Diksha on; Mobile: 0212134652 or Email: rutherford@skids.co.nz

## WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD

### I tēnei wiki - This Week

- 13-14 May NZSO Music Experience
- 17 May Kōtuku Rerengātahi museum trip
- 17 May Pink Shirt Day

## UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 2

- 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

- 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 MATTERS

OVERALL TO DATE:	<b>91%</b>	Of the 10% of children absent,
LAST WEEK:	<b>90%</b>	7.7% of those were absent due to illness.
LATE TO SCHOOL:	<b>2.1%</b>	



### Pink Shirt Day

This Friday is Pink Shirt day. Pink shirt day is when we stand up to bullying, and being unkind is not ok.

The school student leaders have several things organised for the day. We are encouraging children to wear anything pink on the day. It doesn't have to be a shirt, it could be a hair tie, shoe laces, jumper, etc. If you are able, we ask that tamariki bring a gold coin donation. This money will go to the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand.

Our school leaders have two great activities planned for the day.

- Poster competition
- Best Quote competition

A reminder will be sent out over the school app later in the week.



Student Leaders creating posters for Pink Shirt Day

### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT RUTHERFORD

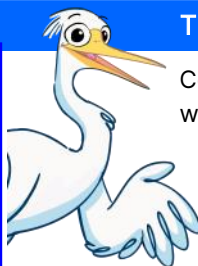
#### I tērā wiki - Last week

#### New to Rutherford Pōwhiri

It was wonderful to officially welcome our new tamariki and their whānau last Thursday. This is a very special part of what we do at Rutherford. Matua Malcolm spoke of the uniqueness of the kotuku bird and referred to the whakatauki; kotuku rerengātahi (the kotuku bird flies once). This speaks to the special journey our tamariki take through primary school. We look forward to taking this journey with you.

I would like to thank our kāhui Māori committee for their organisation of the powhiri, our kaikaranga Kōkā Ray, and Whaea Kathy, our kaikōrero, Matua Malcolm and Ed Coup for speaking on behalf of the manuhiri (visitors), our kaikarakia, students Davin and Hunter and our kapa haka group for leading our haka pōwhiri and waiata tautoko so expertly.

### THE RUTHERFORD WAY



Congratulations to the following children who show us The Rutherford Way.

- Remi Ngauamo
- Naavya Sami
- Aaliyah Khan Cross
- Charlie O'Neill-Fuller
- Samuel Thompson



At Rutherford we show *Manaakitanga*.

- We know the difference when someone is rude or mean.
- We know what bullying is.
- We can tell when someone is rude and mean and not bullying.
- We let an adult know when someone is rude, mean or being a bully.

### IS IT BULLYING?

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's...

### RUDE

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's...

### MEAN

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it - even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset, that's...

### BULLYING



Kōreng Mai  
 • Kōreng Atu • Mauri Tū  
 • Mauri Ora  
 Speak Up • Stand Together  
 • Stop Bullying!



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YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

# Rutherford Whānau Morning

On Wednesday 29th May, during morning block  
we are having our Whānau Morning.

Classrooms will be open for you to join in with learning  
activities with your children.

You're invited to...

- See your child in action with their learning.
- See what learning looks like at RPS.
- Celebrate your child's participation and sense of self as a learner and work alongside your child.

As much as possible the morning will be learning as  
usual with some integrated activities.

We will have morning  
tea in the staffroom  
to share afterwards.

We look forward to  
seeing you!





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13 MAY 2024  
13 Haratua 2024

## 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](mailto: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.



**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.