



KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU/GREETINGS FAMILIES

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to week 4 of term 2. Thank you for the tremendous effort everyone made for pink shirt day.

I have been advocating for the safety of our children this last week. I have had meetings with Auckland Transport to show them the difficulties we have around school. I'm happy to say they are taking this seriously and are mobilising their teams to identify a solution. It really is a partnership though and I want to acknowledge those families who are supporting us by parking safely and walking and using crossings. There are still a number of families who are not making safe choices and I urge you drop off and pick up safely showing care for all our children just as you do your own.

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

Manaaki whenua. Manaaki tangata. Haere whakamua.
Care for the land. Care for the people. Go forward.

This Whakatauki is an extension of last week's whakatauki. It speaks to both the importance of caring for the environment and each other. Again in kura taiao (the eco corner), children learn to work together to care for our school environment.

WHAT'S ON TOP? He aha kei runga?

Maths Professional Learning

On Thursday after school all our teachers will be joining other teachers from across our community of learning to explore the maths progressions in the refreshed New Zealand curriculum. We are looking forward to learning together and ensuring our maths program is the best it can be.

Open Morning

Next week is our open morning. We are looking forward to sharing our learning with you on Wednesday 29 May from 8.50am to 11am. We hope you can make it.

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

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

Noho ora mai
Amanda Bennett
Tumuaki/Principal



Thank you Naya and Olivia for stepping up to ref our playtime netball games. You do a wonderful job managing the competitiveness of the game all while supporting our teina to grow.

WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD

I tēnei wiki - This Week

24 May Future leaders day

UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 2

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)
24-28 June	Scholastic Book Fair
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
24-28 June	Scholastic Book Fair
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:	90%	Of the 10% of children absent,
LAST WEEK:	83%	7.7% of those were absent due to illness.
LATE TO SCHOOL:	1.6%	



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT RUTHERFORD

I tērā wiki - Last week

New Zealand Symphony Orchestra (NZSO)

Last week all classes participated in workshops with Chris Lam Sam from the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. We explored a range of percussion instruments and collaborated to build compositions to tell a story. Story themes were exciting, one class composed to tell the story of a jungle, another the summer time, one class chose out of space and another told the story of an underwater adventure. Sparking our creativity through music and challenging us to collaborate was a wonderful experience!

Thank you Chris for making our stories come to life.



LIFEWALK

Lifewalk offers a Wellbeing Mentor/chaplain service free of charge at Rutherford Primary School.

This means that a Lifewalk Wellbeing Mentor/chaplain (Sandra Hickey) will be available to offer one-on-one support to students, once a week.

A Lifewalk Wellbeing Mentor is not a counsellor, but rather an adult who has been trained to be an effective listener and support for students in NZ schools.

Confidentiality is part of the school agreement except in situations of harm, where disclosure to RPS is required.

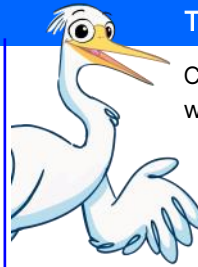
This is an opt-in service, please fill in the online form for your child if you would like them to use this service.

LIFEWALK REGISTRATION

This service will be available on (Tuesdays from 10.45am to 2.45pm) each week. For more information, please go to www.lifewalk.org.nz



THE RUTHERFORD WAY



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

- Trisha Narayan
- Max Place
- Eli Franklin
- Amelia Caird
- Kyra Fruean



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.

PINK SHIRT DAY



Winners of the poster competition

Pink shirt day was on Friday, last week. It was a sea of pink at Rutherford!

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

You have also seen in the newsletter about bullying. Please talk to tamariki and whanau about the difference between, being rude, being mean and bullying.

We had a poster competition and student leaders were actively involved in this. Our gold coin donations added to \$183 to be donated to the Mental Health Foundation of NZ. Thank you for your support.





WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT RUTHERFORD

I tērā wiki - Last week

Kōtuku Rerengātahi

On Friday 17th May our Kōtuku Rerengātahi tamariki went to the Auckland Museum as part of their kākahu/korowai inquiry. We enjoyed a Tapa and Tīvaevae workshop where we learned about traditional and contemporary use of resources and patterning for clothing, blankets, carving and other artefacts.

We can now make comparisons between Pasifika and Māori history, resourcing and patterning in both traditional and contemporary contexts. In our down time we explored the museum with a scavenger hunt for a range of artefacts that the museum holds. We send a big mihi to our kaiako and whanau that supported our haerenga!



Straw Rockets

Manu Iti Hub have been exploring straw rockets this week, building vocabulary and understandings around air and flight.

We are all loving the hands on playful nature of our concept learning, both the challenge and the excitement. It is a wonderful way to provoke purposeful writing too. This coming week we are planning on building balloon rockets- watch this space!!

Stem

This term our STEM classes are focussed on perspective and navigation, linked through our science, technology and mathematics curriculum. Ākonga will be working to define flight, explore navigation, and make use of block code both unplugged and online.

Rooms 22, 21 and 2 have been first to take up this challenge. STEM learning is an exciting space, one in which our ākonga thrive. Whaea Jules will be visiting all classes over the term, please see your class blogs for more information following her sessions.





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Primary
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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!





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

ezlunch.co.nz

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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.