



24 JUNE 2024  
24 Pipiri 2024



### KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU/GREETINGS FAMILIES

Nau mai, haere mai ki wiki waru. Welcome to week 9 of term 2.

Last week we had a very successful Matariki disco. It was wonderful to see the tamariki having so much fun. We want to say a big thank you to the families that provided baking for the bake sale and to the parents that helped out on the night. I also want to acknowledge all our staff who helped, we acknowledge the fact that after a full day of teaching, you helped make the night a great night for our tamariki. We appreciate you all. We raised \$2,000! We have made a koha to two of our families, the Clark's and the Prior's. Thank you for your support.

This week we have our Celebrate Learning at Rutherford conferences (parent/student learning meetings). If you have not yet made a time and need support to book through the app, please contact Michelle in the office. This Thursday we are taking our Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups to the Te Atatū community centre for the community Matariki festival. We will be doing a combined performance with Rutherford College at 12.50pm.

This Friday is Matariki and school will be closed for the public holiday. Matariki is a good time to spend time with whānau/family, spend time with the environment gardening and take time to look at the stars and think about what your hopes are for the coming year.

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

**Tukua kia tū takitahi ngā whetū o te rangi**

*Let each star in the sky shine its own light.*

*This Whakatauki is specially for Matariki and the time in the Māori world we welcome the new year. It also reminds us of the gifts that each individual member of our school community brings.*

## BOOK FAIR HAS ARRIVED!

Monday and Tuesday 9am-4pm

Wednesday 9am-6.30pm

Thursday 9am-5pm

### Catch the reading bug!



Open during  
Cle@R  
Conferences

SCHOLASTIC

### WHAT'S COMING UP AT RUTHERFORD

#### I tēnei wiki - This Week

- 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 and Pasifika)
- 28 June Matariki holiday (School closed)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS - TERM 2

- 4 July End of Term Assembly
- 5 July Cle@R Learning Stories go home
- 5 July End of Term 2
- 22 July Start of Term 3
- 23 July Board of Trustees meeting
- 25 July Museum Trip - years 1-3

#### UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

- 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](mailto:office@rutherfordprimary.school.nz).

#### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- OVERALL TO DATE: **88%** Of the 15% of children absent, 8.9% of those were absent due to illness.
- LAST WEEK: **85%**
- LATE TO SCHOOL: **1.8%**



Thank You

To our star bakers out there, we appreciate your donations, everything was delicious!

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

**Spare clothes**

It is really important that our children are able to play outside, however at this time of year it can mean they are getting dirty even when just playing with a ball on the field. Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in their bag so if they do get wet or dirty, they can change into comfortable dry clothes.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT RUTHERFORD

*I tērā wiki - Last week*

Room 15 made air pressured rockets and drag cars as a part of their concept focus on 'air'. They learnt how air pressure can power the movement of different objects through the air. They learnt about the concept of drag, how gravity affects the movement of objects, and how they could control that movement. They had lots of fun and wrote heaps about it afterwards!



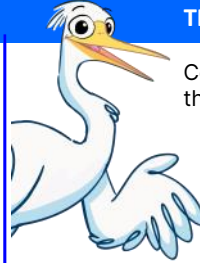
We had singing assembly last Thursday. The sweet sound of our Xylophone groups filled our hall with their tunes. How cool are they!



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

Noho ora mai, Amanda Bennett, Tumuaki/Principal

THE RUTHERFORD WAY



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

- Brodie Anderson
- Raadhik Tailor
- Abella Luan
- Jordan Hakaraia
- Caleb Arendse



At Rutherford we show *Ako*

- We are curious
- We are creative
- We are courageous
- We are resilient



Congratulations Benjamin, Abella, Kyra and Benji for making the **25 Club**. In class reward coming to you soon!



Congratulations Nathan, Zoe, Spencer and Danica! **Thanks for being awesome! That's the Rutherford Way!**



### 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](http://www.lifewalk.org.nz)

## 2024 Health and PE Consultation.

We really appreciate your feedback so please take the time to complete the short survey.

[Health and Physical Education Consultation](#)

**Matariki Raffle**

Rutherford Primary School

Prizes include:

- EVENT CINEMAS: 2 Movie Tickets
- Unichem: Complimentary pass
- TREE ADVENTURES
- Parakai Springs: Parakai Springs vouchers
- life Pharmacy: Gift Hamper from Unichem-Peninsula Pharmacy
- AUCKLAND ZOO: Family Pass to Auckland Zoo Live Everyday
- MOTAT: Family Pass to MOTAT Science + Tech + Play
- Tasti: Proudly NZ owned since 1932

**\$3 per ticket or two tickets for \$5**

Raising funds for school beautification  
Tickets will come home with your children or for sale at the school office.

Ticket sales close at 3pm on Tuesday 25 June  
Raffle prizes will be drawn at 12 noon on Wednesday 26th June

Winners will be notified by phone or email.



Time to COLLECT Yummy stickers for our School's share of

# \$200,000 SPORTS GEAR

Download extra sticker sheets at [yummyfruit.co.nz](http://yummyfruit.co.nz)

EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!



## 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.




GF & vegetarian options

# ORDER school lunches ONLINE...

delivered to school



[ezlunch.co.nz](http://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.

