

# Newsletter - 25 August

Kia Ora Whānau

This week has been a beauty, I can't remember the last time we had 5 sunny days in a row. It has been wonderful for the students to actually get out and about in the sun and play.

This week we have had ERO come and see all the wonderful things are we doing at Rongotea School. The feedback they have given us, is that we are on the right track, we are ready to take off and everything that we have implemented this year now needs to be embedded.

We know what we have implemented this year is going to accelerate our students learning i.e. our learning wall in the boardroom, our student learning goals for reading, writing and mathematics, our ALiM booster programme, our STEPS literacy programme, our teacher aides, play based learning, phonological awareness implementation with Liz Kane, our localised curriculum and the list goes on and on. I can't stress it enough that we can ALL be confident that Rongotea School is a great school heading in the right direction. The final report will be out within two months and once it is available, I will let you all know.

I have made an executive decision based on Health & Safety and I have spoken to a number of parents this week about this issue. What I'm noticing is that as our roll has grown the number of cars in the school carpark has tripled and this has caused a car jam. It's become too dangerous for our tamariki to go into the carpark.

So only for pick ups can we please park and pick our children up either in front of the swimming pool or on the massive area by the tennis courts, down by the cattle yards. It's all tar sealed and if we drive in there and back into our park then we can drive straight out, not running any children over.

The children will walk straight down towards the gates by the swimming pool, then along the front of the school by the bus and then into that carpark. I will be standing in the entranceway to make sure no one comes in there, so no child will be run over crossing that entrance way.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Your Principal Troy Anderson

# Welcome to Bee Learners...(Room 5)

One of the reading groups in Room 5 read a poem called "Winter's Coming". We used that poem to create our own called "Winter's

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We created a snowy winter tree scene with black paper and white finger painting.

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# **CERTIFICATES**

# PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES

**Mikayla M** - for amazing achievement in the STEPS program.



- **Guy L** for amazing achievement in the STEPS program.
- **Holly K** for being a kind and caring student.
- **James PW** for being a great role model towards others and showing great leadership.

### CLASS CERTIFICATES

- **Annalise A** able to write 15 words independently
- James W able to write 5 words independently
- **Maddie H** for always showing Respect to everyone; for being a Responsible learner
- **Xavier T** for sounding out words to make good progress with reading
- Lachlan K Making huge gains in maths.
- **Claytin M** Continuing to complete his work on time.
- Riki-Lee K for working hard and being focused with all tasks
- **AJ B** working hard and staying focused, especially in maths
- Olivia R For showing great leadership skills in class.
- Bella D Always asking questions relating to her learning in Maths.

#### **NOTICES**

**AG DAY REMINDER**—Please keep sending in your ag day forms and money if your child is bringing a lamb or calf or is having a garden. If you have lost your form then please get a new one from the office. <u>Also.</u> could we have all Ag Day trophies returned.



**2017 Netball Manawatu Grand Finals**—Friday 1st September from 4pm onward at Arena 2, CET Arena Palmerston North. Gold coin entry and food and drinks available. See notice board for more information.

**It's in the Bag**—Mt Biggs fundraiser. Saturday 2nd September at the Civic Centre, Feilding. Doors open 6.45pm—show 7.30pm. More information, see notice board.

**Homes for People**—14 hours homeless. Contact Cheri, 022 0243742, community@homesforpeople.co.nz, or see notice board for more information.

**High Tea Fundraiser**—Highden Manor Estate, 2nd September, see noticeboard for more information.





your ag day forms to the office if you intend to have a lamb, calf or are creating a garden.

#### 2017

Term 1 dates Wed 1 Feb—Thurs 13 April

Term 2 dates Mon 1 May— Fri 7 July

Term 3 dates Mon 24 July-Fri 29 Sept

Term 4 dates Mon 16 Oct-Mon 18 Dec

#### Term 3

Fri 25/8 TK 7-aside football

Fri 01/9 Rm 7 & 5 sharing their learning @ assembly

Fri 08/9 **TK Jump Jam** 

Fri 15/9 Rm 1 & 6 sharing their learning @ assembly-

Wed 20/9 Rongotea Wearable Arts

Thu 28/9 TK Speech Competition

Fri 29/9 Rm 2 & 7 sharing their learning @ assembly