

## Newsletter - 15 December 2017

Kia Ora Whanau

Its unbelievable that this is the last newsletter for 2017, it doesn't seem that long ago I was writing my first piece as your new principal. It has been an absolute full on year, there have been many changes, many as a parents you won't have even noticed. We all should be very proud of where our school (*Rongotea School*) is placed. We are back on the railway line, we are gaining traction, we are full steam ahead to great and wonderful things. We have an ERO report that was glowing, a staff that are committed to put in the hard yards for your child/ren, we have a Board of Trustees with a key focus on student achievement and lastly we have a group of students that are a privilege to teach. There are still many things we as a school need to work on and there are many projects that need to be completed.

Prizegiving is on Monday the 18th at 1.30pm, in the Rec Centre. We will have a FREE sausage sizzle, put on by the PTA that will start at 12.30. While we are eating we will have a band playing some music, this will be the Tahuri family. Thank you for offering to do this Billy, much appreciated. Also during prizegiving our Head Students will be announced for 2018. The year 7s that were interested were nominated and today the student body and the staff voted. These 2 children could be both girls, both boys or a boy and a girl. Next year when we return each house will also vote for their House Captains.

On Monday after prizegiving the students will be handed their reports for years 4-8, along with a stationery list and on that stationery list it will let you know what year level your child/ren will be in and who their teacher is for 2018.

If I don't see you on Monday, have a wonderful holiday with your child/ren. It has been wonderful to be your children's principal this year and I'm looking forward to an exciting, hard working 2018.

***Tiaki - take care***

Your Principal  
Troy Anderson



## **Welcome to Room 7**

Room Seven have had an awesome last couple of weeks. We have finished off our inquiry learning where we studied things that interested us like rocks and gem and sharks. Did you know that Sharks eats alone and sharks don't sleep.

On Wednesday 13th of December we had a fun choice day where we had a dance party, free time on devices, a nerf war and a water fight. It was the best day ever!!!

On Thursday 14th the whole school went to Levin pools for our end of year trip. It was awesome! Some of Room Seven's favourite thing was the hydro slide. It was fun because it went from light to dark, it was fast and really long. Another one of our favourites was the inflatable in the middle of the big pool. It was really challenging but it felt really good when you made it to the end!

## **PTA**

Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support this year. A big thank you to those who have helped on the bbq, with lunches and with donations for raffles/ prizes. Thanks to Mr Anderson and staff for your support.

On the calendar for next year:

6<sup>th</sup> Feb, stall at Waitangi day. Families with students in year 4 or 5 will be rostered on to help.

Term 1, Quiz night

Term 2, Top Talent

Have a safe and happy holidays!!

### **"Learn to Swim Classes" 2018**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2018**

Fantastic learn to swim lessons at Rongotea Community Pool.

Suits age 6+

Preference will be given to children that can confidently put their heads under water.

20 minute time slots between 4.30-5.30pm each weeknight for 10 sessions.

Limited places available – these fill fast!

Cost - \$60.00 per child – **MUST be paid on first night.**

Contact: Pam ph 06 3595297

### **Te Kawau Swimming Club 2017-18 season**

Rongotea Community Pool

Mondays 4:30-6:00pm and Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm

(Start time changes to 5pm when school goes back)

Anyone that can swim 25metres welcome.

Fees: Non- competitive \$60, Competitive \$85

Contact: Catherine 3297995/0212119311

or come along to the pool

## CERTIFICATES

### Principal Certificates

**Liam R**—Super awesome writing this week. Great sentences and sounding out skill.

**Zac McC**—Super awesome mathematics work this week. Great dividing and multiplying skills.

**Isabelle M**—Wonderful learning. Also you are a very caring and kind person who always looks after others. Keep it up.

**Liam C**—You are a great member of our school. You are showing great leadership potential and you are always helping out others.

**Bella D**—It was awesome to see and hear your amazing effort and attitude while on camp. Keep it up, it's fantastic to see.

### Class Certificates

**Angel F** - alphabet knowledge.

**Madeleine G** - alphabet knowledge.

**Iaisha S** - for being responsible with her learning and at play.

**Kaia L** - for always being ready for learning, listening, and staying focussed.

**Stephen F**—for making good progress in maths.

**Rory H**—for making good progress in maths.

**Cassie P** - For showing a positive attitude when working on your camp video.

**Gabriella H** - For encouraging others and challenging yourself on the high ropes course at camp.

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## YOUNG ACHIEVERS CAMP REPORT

On Monday the 20th of November Room 1 went to Camp Raukawa Falls, Room 2 then came on Wednesday the 23rd. Some of the activities we did there were... Low Ropes, High Ropes, Flying Kiwi, Abseiling, Walk to the waterfall, Waterslide, Mudslide and Shelter building. My favourite activity was the Flying Kiwi. I think I can speak for everyone that went when I say it was so enjoyable. I would like to thank the teachers for organising camp, and also the parents for coming with us and supervising. The Instructors were really nice to everyone, and were really good at their job. The weather was brilliant, but it was so hot everyday. I look forward to next year's camp.


By Olivia R.



# DATES



Happy  
Holidays



## Last day of school information

### 18th December

- Free sausage sizzle at 12.30pm
- Prize giving at 1.30pm
- Reports for Year 4-8 will be sent home with students
- Class lists will be sent home with reports
- Stationery lists will be sent home with students. They are available online or instore from Office Max from the 18th Dec. School will collect a 10% rebate of all purchases

### Term 4

Mon 18/12 **Last day of term**

**EOY prize giving @ 1.30pm**

### 2018

Wed 31 Jan **School starts at 9.00am**

Tues 6 Feb **Waitangi Day**

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