

Newsletter - 2 March 2018

Kia Ora Whanau

It has been an extremely busy couple of weeks. We have had so much on its tricky at times to keep up with what's all taking place. We have two main platforms and that is our facebook page and the school app, please make sure you have these as it really does help with communication. Don't expect a permission slip for everything because if it is part of our school curriculum there won't be a permission slip.

It is with great sadness that I have accepted the resignation of Gabrielle Barnett. She is a wonderful member of staff, an excellent teacher and will be very much missed. We have sent letters home to the whanau of the children in her class and I am now on the hunt to find a teacher for the start of term 2.

I need to make it very clear that I like to be Mr Fix It as I like to try and solve everything for everyone, however that isn't the process. If you have a problem you need to go to the teacher concerned or the person in charge. If the problem isn't resolved then you come to me as the principal. We have a complaint policy, if you are unsure of who to go to then please refer to that.

We have had two days with Amy Walters from Te Manawa Family Services working with the year 5-8 students. She has also worked with the staff as we try to get a better understanding of bullying and what is bullying. We all have different views of what bullying is and we need to get a common understanding. This is the introduction and next term there will be a 7 week programme. Once we get further down the path I will share with you what we have learnt.

Our big focus this year is literacy, but mainly on writing. It was very pleasing to see so many students getting rewarded for their great writing achievements in last weeks assembly. Tino Pai team, well done!!!

Your Principal
Troy Anderson

Welcome to Team Ruru

Some great writing from Team Ruru about “survival” in the water, and a visitor we had.

To survive in the water I can hold a ball and lie on my back and relax. If I am in the ocean I can save myself by holding a log.



Lachie

I can survive in the water by doing a frog (floating on back holding something with legs crossed up) and relaxing until I find a log to get out of danger.

Mercedes

Yesterday Matilda brought in a hedgehog. I was excited. It had brain food with us (jelly meat). The hedgehog crawled over it. It was wobbly when it walked. The hedgehog was cute and it had spines all over it. Matilda brought some water and food for it.

Harper

I brought a hedgehog to school. It had brain food with us. It was funny because he climbed over his food. When my teacher opened the box he climbed and he fell into his water. It was funny.



Matilda

Notices

PTA Quiz night 6th April. More information at a later date.

Winter Hockey - starts term 2. If interested email : tekawauhockey@gmail.com
FB : Te Kawau Hockey or ph Maryann 0272929310. See the notice board for more information.

Te Kawau Junior Rugby are now taking registrations for 2018. Registration days at the Te Kawau Rec Centre in Rongotea on; Sunday 4th March 1 - 3pm, Saturday 10th March 1 - 3 pm, Thursday 15th March 6 - 8pm or you can register your children online at: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/tekawaurfcjnr/Registration-1/Junior-Registration-2018> See the notice board for more information.

CERTIFICATES

PRINCIPALS CERTIFICATES



Guy L - For making outstanding progress in his STEPS learning and for producing excellent writing this week. Awesome work Guy, your writing has full stops, capital letters and structure. Well done!!

Lachie D - Lachie you are making wonderful progress in your writing!! You are writing independently and are able to use capital letters and full stops in the right place. Keep up the great writing.

CLASS CERTIFICATES

A.J B- For always staying on task and completing his work.

Riki-Lee K - Always trying to improve in your swimming skills.

Caleb M - for excellent effort in reading.

Lucas G - for helping and supporting others.

Rhiannon H - for producing top quality writing, You are using correct punctuation, structure and have wonderful ideas. Keep it up Rhiannon.

Xavier S - for producing writing with capital letters and full stops. Its also super exciting to see the amount of writing you produced this week. Well Done.

Theo L - great ideas for our 'Respect' acrostic poem.

Jayna-Lee K - independent work using Mathletics.

Harper C-H - for great reading response work.

Annalise A- for working hard to learn sounds and words for reading and writing.

Madeleine G - For showing resilience in the swimming pool.

Angel F - For always taking pride in her work.

Our school has been nominated for School-gen's 'Energising Young Minds' competition by a member of the school community.

The competition gives our school the chance to win a share of \$25k, \$15k or \$10k to spend on science or tech equipment.

Please encourage our school community to vote on the School-gen voting page <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/>

People can vote once a day up until voting ends on 2 April.

To ensure a small school has as much chance of winning as a big school, they will be dividing the number of votes a school gets by its school roll.

DATES

2018

Term 1 dates Wed 31 Jan—Thurs 13 April

Term 2 dates Mon 30 April— Fri 6 July

Term 3 dates Mon 23 July—Fri 28 Sept

Term 4 dates Mon 15 Oct—Fri 14 Dec

Term1

Mon 5/3 **School swimming @ Makino 9.30-11.30**

Fri 9/3 **Assembly Team Kaki & Team Tui**

Mon 12/3 **TK swimming sports @ Makino all day**

Fri 23/3 **TK triathlon @ Sanson**

NO ASSEMBLY

Thurs 29/3 **Junior tabloids**

Fri 30/3 **Good Friday**

Mon 2/4 **Easter Monday**

Tues 3/4 **Easter Tuesday—NO SCHOOL**

Fri 6/4 **Assembly Team Kiwi & Team Ruru**

Fri 13/4 **Term 1 finishes**

Rongotea Triathlon

Sunday 11th March 2018

9.00am start at Rongotea School

All ages welcome—free entry

Run/walk 3kms, bike 10kms, swim

100metres (4 lengths Rongotea pool)

Cycle helmets must be worn in the bike section

You can enter as an individual or team up with 1 or 2 friends.

Spot prizes.

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