

Newsletter - 18 May 2018

Kia Ora Whanau

It was a fantastic turn out at our 'Cracking the Code' get together with Liz Kane yesterday. It was great to see so many parents getting a better understanding of what we are doing differently in our explicit teaching of literacy. The feeling was of excitement and positiveness when I spoke to many of you after our get together. What also came out of yesterday's session was that we will be using decodable books in Team Kea and in Team Ruru. So if your child is in Team Ruru and comes home with a decodable book, it's not that they have gone backwards, it's that we want them to be secure in decoding words and segmenting sounds. When your child finishes the stages of the decodable books, they will come out on a level 17/18 PM reader. Children should be at level 17/18 by the end of their second year of schooling. If you have any questions or queries then please come and see us.

As we are heading into the colder months of the year it's really important that you as whanau make sure that your child/ren are coming to school healthy. If they are unwell or have something that is contagious then they are only to be at school, if you have the doctors permission.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Your Principal
Troy Anderson

Scholastic Book Orders– the deadline for Scholastic Book orders is Wednesday 23 May. Please make sure these are put in the hand box in the office.

Welcome to Team Kiwi

Over the last two weeks, Team Kiwi have been learning about fractions in maths and how they can be converted into decimals and percentages. The kids have really shown some great progress. During literacy, they have continued to build on their comprehension skills and learn new vocabulary from reading their novels.

Keep up the good work reading at home!

If you like poetry come and check out Team Kiwis ANZAC poems, the language will help you to visualise what life was like for the soldiers.

Distraught,
Loneliness,
Isolation,
Gunshots,
Blood,
Lest we forget,
ANZAC.



This week, Team Kiwi experienced blow karting at the Sanson Domain. This was organised by the Rongotea Lions Club. The kids had a great time learning how to control a blokart in the Manawatu winds and pull off some tricks. Check out our video on our School website.



Team Kiwi checked out the Careers Expo at the Arena in Palmerston North this week. This was a great experience for the kids as they were able to talk to experts in different fields and even experience them using interactive games.

Notices

Pool Keys—Now that swimming season is over we would like to have all the pool key handed back in to the office. Please remember to bring in bank account details so that you get your refund.

Te Kawau Junior Rugby - If your child would like to play rugby and you haven't yet signed up, don't worry - you haven't missed out! Contact Hamish McCallum— Ph: 0272402415 or email hamish.mccallum@hotmail.co.nz and he will be able to give you details of how to register. We have teams available for anyone aged from 4 years old through to 13 years old. Check out Te Kawau Junior Rugby on Facebook for up to date information, news and results. www.facebook.com/tekawau.juniors

CERTIFICATES

PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATES

Lucas G - For having excellent sportsmanship while playing rugby at school. Keep up the awesome attitude, well done Lucas.

Lachlan K - For making an excellent start to term 2 and for being an outstanding role model when over at the bike track. Well done, Lachlan.



CLASS CERTIFICATES

Liam S - Welcome to Team Kea

Chelsea G & Patrick D - Both turned 5 and started school

Buster C - For trying his best and giving everything a go

Sophie G - For always being on task and showing leadership in the classroom

Zac Mc- Wonderful poetry writing

Rowan A - Great improvement in your fraction work

Blake R - For always working hard

Nicole F - For wonderful writing this week

Matt K- For making good choices in his learning.

A.J B - For always showing a positive attitude during his work and working cooperatively.

WELCOME TO SCHOOL

Rongotea School would like to welcome our new students and families to school. Hope your time spent here is enjoyable and you make lots of new friends and happy memories.



Back Row: *James S, Joel S, Ella S, Alyssa F*

Front Row: *Dechlin M, Max H, Patrick D, Liam S*

Absent *Chelsea G*

DATES



TOP TALENT
Entry forms are now
available from the
school office.
Auditions Friday
25th May & Show
Friday 8th June @
7pm

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

Term 2

Tues 22/5 **Life Ed van here until Fri**

Mon 28/5 **Wizard of Oz, Freyberg. Whole school**

Tues 29/5 **School cross country—afternoon**

Zappo—morning

Fri 1/6 **Te Kawau Netball @ Rongotea**

Mon 4/6 **Queens birthday**

Fri 15/6 **Te Kawau cross country @ Bainesse**

Fri 29/6 **Gymnastics Yr 1-3 at Sanson**

Fri 6 July **Last day of term 2**

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