

Newsletter - 30 November 2018

Kia Ora Whanau

It is unbelievable how fast this term has gone, its December tomorrow!! This year has gone extremely fast and we find ourselves with only two weeks of school left. Don't forget that our end of year prizegiving is on Friday the 14th of December, starting at 2pm.

If your child is in year 4 - 8 they will have their end of year school report handed to them on Friday the 14th. In their report there is a section that reflects their attendance. We have a criteria that we follow. If your child has been at school 95%+ then their attendance will say very good, if it is between 85% and 94% then it will be satisfactory and if it is below 85% then it will be unsatisfactory. If your child has been away and it is justified, their attendance will still be reflected with the criteria we use.

We have just completed our year 5/6 and year 7/8 school camps. They were great camps, which the children really enjoyed. I have made the decision to shift our school camps to Term 1. I know that it is unfair for you, as you have just paid for camp for this year. So I'm giving you to the end of Term 3 to pay the camp off. Team Huia and Team Kiwi will be doing different activities while on camp, however they will be staying at the same place. They will be staying at Silverstream, which is between Upper Hutt and Lower Hutt. It is a 3 day camp and will be on the 10th, 11th and 12th of April, these dates are the last 3 days of Term 1 2019. The camp will cost \$150 per child. They will be providing all the catering while we are on camp. More information and camp meetings etc will take place next year, this is just a heads up.



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Next years stationery lists will not be sent out at the end of the year. You will be able to find them online with this link at Stationery Warehouse or you can go into the store and they will have the lists for you and if you are really lucky they will have them already made up. They wont have the lists up and running just yet but keep checking. <https://www.warehousestationery.co.nz/schoollist-show#searchType=lists-search-form>

Have a wonderful weekend.

Your Principal
Troy Anderson

NOTICES

Library Books - Please return all library books ASAP as we are in the process of doing a stocktake of all books.

Swimming - Please make sure that all items of clothing, including towels, aqua shoes and togs are named. We do not hold onto clothing for long so if it is not collected we dispose of it.

EOY Trip to Levin Pools - Please make sure that you have paid for your child/ren to attend the end of year trip to Levin pools. \$8 per child or \$20 for 3 or more. Payment can be made via eftpo, cash or bank account—03 0726 0318616 00

EOY Assembly - Friday 14 December starting at 2.00pm

Rongotea & District Horticultural Society - It was great to have some of your children entering our Spring Flower Show at Rongotea in September. We are doing it all again in February. We have special children's competitions for Giant Marrows and a collection of 4 Vegetables and we would love to see lots of Sunflowers. These all need to be planted NOW

CLASS WORK FROM:

RURU—This term Team Ruru have been learning about what it means to have a Growth Mindset. We know that even though a task might be challenging, if we keep trying we will be able to complete it eventually.

Team Ruru have also learnt about the magic of 'YET'. As a team we have changed from saying 'I can't do this' to... 'I can't do this YET'.



We have also been enjoying completing a variety of art projects. A couple of weeks ago we used masking tape to make shapes on paper. After we coloured in the shapes we very carefully ripped off the masking tape and this was the end result. We are pretty proud of them! Feel free to come into Team Ruru and take a look at our awesome art-work.



KIWI—"Today our group went to the glow worm caves. It was really muddy, wet and cold. It was fun though especially climbing over the branches and walking up the creek and through the water". Mikayla M

"This afternoon we walked the Deerford Loop Track. I was alright at the start but then it got a lot steeper and harder to climb. Lucky no body went off the track because it was really high up". A.J. B

"We just got to Sixtus Lodge today and it is already fun. We started with bushcraft skills it was really fun as we had to make a tent, cook potatoes on a fire that we made and complete the challenge course". Bella D



DATES



As this is the last
newsletter of 2018
Rongotea School
wishes everyone a safe
and happy Christmas
and New Year

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

2019

Term 1 date Mon 4 Feb - Fri 12 April

Term 4

Mon 3/12 **Bike Safety**

Fri 7/12 Assembly—**Teams Kaki/Kiwi sharing their learning**

Thurs 13/12 **School Trip to Levin Aquatic Centre**

Fri 14/12 **End of year prizgiving 2pm start**

End of term 4

Mon 4/2/2019 **Term 1 starts @ 9.00am**

Wed 6 Feb **Waitangi Day**

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