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NEWSLETTER - 19 October 2017

Principal's Message

Tena koutou katoa, nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa.
Greetings Parents, Whanau and Community Members.

Welcome back!

It is great to be back in school and interacting with everyone again. With the weather on the improve, it is time to start thinking about summer uniform (polo, shorts or skort- they can wear black stockings or similar underneath their shorts/skort if it is a little colder). We will insist on summer uniform from the beginning of week 5 (13 November). It is also time for children to be bringing hats to school so please make sure they have a named hat with them each day.

The swimming programme we ran at the end of last term is obviously not enough to ensure your child can swim effectively to save their life. With summer on its way, please do consider taking your children along for extra swimming lessons or teach them yourself. It may save their life one day.)

The term is going to be busy (as per usual) with Middle school's production/show, noho's, trips, sports days and the usual end of year craziness. School finishes on Friday 15 December at 1pm and right up until then we need every child at school, well rested and ready to learn each day. Please continue to insist that they read every night at home and keep asking about their goals, how they are progressing, what they are finding difficult at the moment etc. During the holidays the carpark was grassed, we got an extra four cameras around the school which are high definition and capture amazing detail- night or day, we enhanced the bilingual signage around the school, had the car park surface repaired and replaced the 'sticky' old doors into Space 2 / 3. We also completed the employments process for 2018 teaching staff and are currently working through the process of appointments for 2018 Learning Assistants.

Class placements 2018

Although it seems early, in the next few weeks we will be working on class placements for 2018. The placement of students into classes is completely at my discretion and I make these decisions based on what I/we believe will be best for each child's education. We consider academic levels, social interactions, personality, mix of students (gender etc) and a host of other things before placing a student in any class. However, if you have things you would like me to consider when making a placement for your child, please drop in and discuss these with me in the near future (before Friday 17 November). Once class lists have been designed I am very reluctant (please read as unwilling) to make alterations.

Whanau Friday / Mural blessing

Tomorrow from 9-12 we have Whanau Friday where we won't be doing anything 'special' in the classes, but it is an opportunity for you and the extended whanau to come and be part of the classes and see the learning taking place. We will even make sure you get fed and watered at morning tea time!

At about 12noon we will also have the mural blessing in the car-park which will also be reasonably low key but you are all welcome to be part of this.

Wireless internet

As mentioned last term, thanks to Nga Pumanawa e Waru Education Trust (NPeW), if you do not currently have wireless internet at home to support your children with their learning, they can support you to do this. It works off the 4G network and costs \$10 per month for 30GB of data making it incredibly affordable. If you want more information or details, please contact us here at school or contact Cheryl from NPeW. NPeW also support families to get digital devices for their children to support their learning.

We currently provide a digital device (Chromebook) for all Year 5-6 students but will be considering moving towards each student owning their own in the next year or so. This allows the learning to continue at home via google docs and gives students a sense of ownership and responsibility. We have about 200 iPads in the school as well and I don't think we will be specifying what type of device the students will be allowed to bring. Might be worth keeping this in mind with Christmas fast approaching?

Reporting to parents hui

Unfortunately we had to postpone the reporting hui until Wednesday 1 November and we hope many of you will be able to attend this 3rd reporting hui to discuss changes to the way we report in writing to our community. If you can make it (6.30-7.30pm) we would love to see you.

Reminders:

1. Please ensure your child attends school each day they are well enough to be here.
2. Uniform- please ensure your child has the correct school uniform each day.
3. BOT meeting tonight at 6.30pm in the staffroom

Regards
Andrew Sinclair.

TERM EVENTS

19 Oct	BOT Meeting 6.30pm Staffroom
20 Oct	Whanau Friday 9am - 12pm
20 Oct	Unveiling/ blessing of Mural
20 Oct	Viewing Icon Photography
23 Oct	Labour Day - School closed
27 Oct	Rimu Team Assembly 2.25pm
27 Oct	FOTS Disco 5.30 - 7pm
6 Nov	FOTS Meeting 7pm
8 Nov	Hands on Water Day
15 Nov	Kauri Team Production 11.30am
16 Nov	Kauri Team Production 6.30pm

SCHOOL FEES

Please pay your child's fees, including Sports Fees to the office asap.

Thank you to all those families who are current with their fees. We really appreciate it!

Activity/ Resource fee is only \$40 for the year which equates to only \$1.00 per week.

This fee includes most **school wide** activities including swimming and visiting performers.

Bank a/c 030415 0446573 00 Kawaha Pt School BOT

NOTICE BOARD

Next FOTS Meeting Monday 6 November
7.00pm in the staffroom.



Tales at TWILIGHT

MUD, MYTHS & MUSIC

Thurs 19 Oct
6pm - 7.30pm



Join the
Travelling Tuataras
and friends for a
free evening of
fun celebrating
Conservation Week



All of the family will be
enchanted by the forest
at twilight. Join the
interactive storytelling
woven of mud, myths
& music. Wear warm
clothing, bring something
to sit on & snacks to enjoy

the
Redwoods
WHAKAREWAREWA FOREST

The Redwoods, Under the Sails
Behind the Visitor Centre
Long Mile Road

#loveyourbackyard
rotorualakescouncil.nz/conservationweek



ROTORUA
LAKES COUNCIL

FOTS DISCO 27 OCTOBER

5.30 -7PM

GOLD COIN ENTRY

Dress up as anything you like.....

Food for sale on the night including -

- *Hotdogs
- *Pizza
- *Popcorn
- *Lollies
- *Iceblocks
- *Drinks



Reminder - Icon Photography photo
viewing takes place this Friday in the
staffroom. Check your form for your
allocated viewing time. Thanks

Second Hands Kids Clothing and Toy Sale

Where - Westbrook School Hall,
Malfroy Road

When - Saturday 4 November 2017
Doors open at 8.30am until 11.00am

Lots of bargains in
time for Christmas



Noticeboard

**Parenting courses starting in Rotorua
Term 4 2017**

Build a great family team. Join a Toolbox parenting group and discover new ideas and strategies to add to your parenting kete.

**Early Years (0 to 6)**

Elim Church

Tuesday 24 October

9.30 am

**Middle Years (6 to 12)**

Elim Church

Tuesday 24 October

12.30 pm

**Building Awesome Whānau (0-12)**

Harvest Centre

Wednesday 25 October

9.30 am

\$75 per person, \$110 per couple for each six week course. *Subsidies & funding available.*

Free to foster carers, whānau caregivers, adopters, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and Home for Life Parents thanks to government funding.

Contact - Dee Horne (Rotorua Area coordinator on 3455447 or 0276139067

Email - rotorua@theparentingplace.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO Delta Kitson & Isabelle Talbot for their fantastic results at the recent Rotorua Primary Schools gymnastic competition. Well Done girls!!!!!!



Noticeboard

Jessica Nichols and Emily Adams asking their questions to the Americas Cup sailors. Well done girls!



Sulphur City Athletic Club
has both fun & competitive programs running over the summer months for
children aged 2-12yrs old.

When: Thurs night 5.15pm
Where: Kawaha Point School
Cost: \$30 per person
Club singlet available at \$29ea

Registration forms available from:
[facebook.com/ sulphurcityathleticsclub](https://www.facebook.com/sulphurcityathleticsclub)
sulphurcityathleticsclub@gmail.com
Megan O'Brien 021 615 821



abacus

Art Calendars -featuring your child's artwork.

2018 Calendars \$12.00

Cards pack of 8 \$10.00

2018 Diaries \$15.00

Mouse mats \$12.00

Notepads \$11.00

Please pay by cheque or cash only

LAST DAY FOR ORDERING 20 OCTOBER



TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS

OLYMPIC - 15KM / 40KM / 10KM

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

SPRINT - 750M / 20KM / 5KM

REGO'S OPEN

343 - 300M / 9KM / 3KM

5KM - 10KM WALK/RUN

It's for the Whānau - Everyone welcome!

www.trimaori.nz

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KIDS ZONE, MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, KAI STALLS

Noticeboard



Milk bottle tops for Space 7. Bring to the office. thanks

Student of the Fortnight Stars

Harlem Mason, Uaealesi Lui,
Khloe-Jay Tamihana,
Tarkan Morrison, Scarlett Brown,
Jai Raharuhi, Te Amo Le Comte,
Cory Iasona, Michael McGreevy,
Selena Purser, Samuel Wilson,
Junior Gaualofa, Delta Kitson,
Isaiah White. Awesome! Ka Rawe !



**Rainbow
Springs
Nature
Park**

Halloween at Rainbow Springs

**A fun, freaky, and safe place
for kids of all ages to trick or
treat their way to lolly heaven.**

October 28 2pm-10pm

\$10 Adult, \$5 Child (3-15 yrs)

rainbowsprings.co.nz/halloween

America's Cup!

On an exciting night my Dad and I went to see the one and only Auld Mug (The America's Cup). We both saw it with our own eyes, it was a metre big and a quarter of a metre wide! We also heard they had 96 sailors in their team. It was thrilling that we got to see the great large cup. I really enjoyed it.

Michael.

My Holiday

On my awesome holiday I went up to Northland to see my cousins. My Dad and I went to the pig sty. We saw my uncle shoot one of the wild pigs. I smelt the pig getting burned from the hot blow torch. After that my cousins went in the tractor. I went with both of my cousins on the tractor. I felt really happy to finally be with my two cousins again!

Kylah.

Roma-Europe

"OMG this pizza taste amazing!" Today is my first day in Rome and I just ate the most delicious pizza in the world, from Italy. After we finished our amazing pizza we drove to our hotel that we stayed at. The next day we went to a very important fountain called the Trevi fountain and my brother and I threw €1 into the fountain. And we wished to someday return to Rome. Next we had our first gelato. It was

Fantastic Amazing Writing

Kāmaka Reo

NATURE IS GREAT!

AS MY KORO, BROTHER AND I DRIVE FOR 3HRS WE JUST PAST MATAMATA. AS WE PASS A BUNCH OF BUSHES I BRIGHTLY GLANCED AT ALL THE WONDERFUL COLOURFUL FLOWERS. I WHISPER TO MYSELF IN MY HEAD "WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY". 2 MORE HRS UNTIL WE ARRIVE TO AUCKLAND, MY KORO CHEERFULLY SAYS. AS I HEAR ALL OF OUR TUMMIES GROWL I START TO GET A BIT

Holiday fun!

magnificent and the flavour I had was chocolate. After gelato we decided to go see the Colosseum. It was gigantic and amazing.

Grace.

HUNGRY JUST LISTENING TO THAT ANXIOUS RUMBLING NOISE. SO WE STOP AT A LOVELY CAFE. THEN WE ALL GET SOMETHING TO EAT. "DELICIOUS" I MUMBLE WHILE EATING. WHILE I EAT I START TO TASTE THE SCRUMPTIOUS TASTE OF MY PIE.

IT FELT LIKE I WAS IN HEAVEN! AND THIS STORY TELLS YOU WHY I THINK NATURE IS GREAT!

ALINA.

PICCOLLAGE