



## **MISSION**

*We will achieve our personal best in a happy, supportive environment.*

*Ka tutuki e tatou katoa i roto i te wairua*

## **Newsletter**

Term 1 – No 10

Wednesday 3 April 2019

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Tena Koutou Katoa

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

### **LOCKDOWN**

Every term we practise for an emergency such as fire, an earthquake, or a lockdown. A lockdown is when all school doors are locked, curtains are pulled, lights are turned off and students are moved to a quiet, unobservable place in the classroom or where they happen to be. **The school is essentially closed to everyone outside and no one is allowed to leave.** We go into lockdown when we are instructed to by the police or Ministry of Education and / or when there is a person or persons who are dangerous on or near school grounds.

On occasion, we have had to go into lockdown. However, these have been very brief as the situation has been sorted quickly.

The N.Z police have been visiting all schools since the terrorist attack in Christchurch with an important message. During the Christchurch emergency all schools were put in lockdown. Unfortunately, some frightened parents interfered with this, entered schools and removed their children without permission from either the school or other authorities. Threats were made to school staff.

We want to reassure you all that if we go into a longer lockdown, all staff will ensure your children are safe and being looked after for however long the lockdown is in place. We will send regular updates on the school App and by text.

The Ministry of Education is currently reviewing lockdown policies and procedures and we will keep you up to date with these.

### **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

School will finish for term one on Thursday 11 April. Friday is a Teacher Only Day.

## **CROSSING GEM STREET**

Whanau, we train patrollers to man the Gem St. crossing at 3:00pm on the expectation that you use the crossing. Please do so.

The patrollers are out there every day whether it is hot, raining or blowing a gale. You might think that your children are safe crossing the street outside the school with you but what about the next time they are crossing a road without you? And what about the small child who may follow you?

We do not want to see an accident outside our school. We also spend a lot of time working with our students on road safety. Your support would be appreciated.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICE**

### **Pre-loved sports gear fundraiser**

With winter sports just around the corner it's that time again to clean out the sports closet and see what fits and what doesn't. Donate your used sports gear and equipment by dropping it off to First National Rotorua by the 11th of April. And be sure to come down to purchase other's sports gear and equipment at bargain prices from our Kuirau Park market 13th April 7am-1pm. All proceeds go back into our community. (First National: Cnr of Pukuatua and Ranolf Streets, open 8:30am till 5 Monday, Wednesday-Friday and 9-5 Tuesday). Rotary Rotorua North. Kind regards Rachel Greenfield Rotary Rotorua North.

## **PHONES AT SCHOOL**

A reminder that mobile phones are not to be brought to school. Please remind your child to keep any personal phones at home.

## **ASSEMBLY**

Our assembly on Thursday will be hosted by Room 4 and Mrs Morrissey. We hope you can join us in the hall at 2:30pm.

## **FOCUS VALUE – RESPECT**

Our focus is on looking after things, particularly things that don't belong to us, but we are allowed to use.

## **SPORTS CORNER**

### **Touch**

Touch is over for the season. Our last game was another learning curve for our tamariki. Throughout the season they have tried their best, had fun and showed excellent sportsmanship. Don't forget we have touch in Term 4 so you will all sign up for then. Thank you to our coach Whaea Tania for turning up every Wednesday and being there for our children.

### **Winter Codes**

Some children will be taking home with them permission slips for you to sign so that they can play Netball or Miniball next term. Please can you return these to school as soon as, so that I can enter our teams into the competitions. This will be much appreciated.

*Karen Anderson - Sports Co-ordinator*

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the Aorangi School Board of Trustees at 6:00pm in the staffroom this Thursday. All are welcome to attend.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS - TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS 2019**

This year is our Board of Trustees Election Year. We will be calling for nominations for Board Members from 10 May, 2019. You will receive information in the mail. Please ensure we have your correct mailing address. If you would like information on School Board of Trustees or running as a Board Member, please feel free to talk with Anna in our school office.

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Kael Oakley-Pari	R.3	<i>Persistence with creative writing.</i>
Nevaeh Cuthbert	R.4	<i>Improvement in writing by adding more detail.</i>
Tyden McCaskill-Turner	R.5	<i>Trying hard and staying on task during maths lessons.</i>
Kahu McCaskill-Turner	R.7	<i>Amazing support given to others in class.</i>
Payton Harman	R.10	<i>Improvement in writing and using punctuation correctly.</i>
Samuelo Sinoti	R.11	<i>Perseverance in story writing.</i>
Rain-Maree Tito	Charlie 4 Square Award	<i>Being an excellent monitor and school citizen who is always helping others.</i>
	Te Papatakaro O Papatuanuku Award (JR)	
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Room 3	Quietest Class	<i>The best class at assembly last week.</i>

## COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 4 Apr	Student Led Conferences
Thursday 11 Apr	Wheels Day / End of Term 1
Friday 12 Apr	Teacher Only Day
Monday 29 Apr	Term Two Begins

