



## **MISSION**

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

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

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## **Newsletter**

Term 1 – No 7

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2020

Kia ora tatou whanau

## **STUDENT LED CONFERENCES**

Please book your preferred time for Student-Led Conferences on Thursday 2 April. We try to meet requests but it is first in, first served. Remember, our students are meant to be leading the conference to share their learning so it is important that they attend. You can click on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/Ee1wR2pSA5rGKVT18>

## **INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS' DAY**

A huge thank you to Whaea Peggy and Matua Victor for arranging for Aorangi students to attend and perform waiata at the Rotorua Children's Day at the Redwoods on Sunday. Our tamariki's singing was beautiful, as always.



## **EPRO8 TEAMS**

Well done to the two teams who competed at EPRo8 last Thursday. Our Year 5 team were only a few points shy of coming third equal.

## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding regarding all visitors to the school checking in at the office and washing their hands. We are keeping visitors to the school to a minimum at present so there is no Go Bananaz for the next few weeks.

At this stage, we are working as normal with added hygiene measures. We are checking that all classes have tissues, soap and cleaning products.

We are also monitoring trips outside of school. At this stage there are no confirmed coronavirus cases in Rotorua so the junior trip will go ahead.

While it is important that sick children not attend school, children who are well should be at school every day.

## **SWIMMING SKILLS CLINIC**

Swim Rotorua is offering Skills Clinics to all students who are interested in improving their starts, turns, speed, technique and finishes. The clinics are free but general admission will have to be paid at the door. The dates are Wednesday 1 April from 5:30 to 7:00pm and Saturday 4 April from 10:00 to 11:30am.

## **ASSEMBLY**

We will continue to hold assemblies on Thursday afternoons at present. We will ensure children are spread out on the mat areas at all times. This week's assembly will be hosted by Room 4 and Whaea Te Aroha. We hope you can join us at 2:30 in the hall - after you have washed your hands.

## **JUNIOR TRIP**

The Year 1-3 is going ahead as students will not be in too many enclosed spaces.

The Year 1 - 3 students will visit Te Puia and have a picnic lunch and swim at Lake Okareka. The bus will leave school at 9.20 am and arrive back at school by 3.30 pm. Please ensure your child has covered in footwear, hat, swimwear, food and water.

## **FOCUS VALUE – RESPONSIBILITY**

“Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him and to let him know that you trust him.”

*Booker Washington*

## **STUDENT WRITING**

### **Gathering Shells**

Wet yucky sand. That's where I gather shells.  
I can feel the gross seaweed sliding over my feet.  
My toes are sore from the sharp rocks and shells.  
I hope I don't get bitten by a crab.



by Meretiana Peipi-Allen

## **SPORTS CORNER**

### **School Sports Events and COVID-19**

We understand the level of uncertainty regarding Covid-19 and the potential impact on school sports events.

Sport Bay of Plenty is closely following updates from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. We anticipate advice from the ministries regarding mass gatherings later this week, at which time we will circulate a further update.

If there are any changes to school sport events *this week* we will contact schools directly by the day prior.

The health and wellbeing of event participants is our priority, and we encourage attendees to follow the latest advice from the Ministry of Health.

- Wash and dry hands thoroughly with soap and water
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow, or cover your mouth and nose with a tissue
- Put used tissues in a bin or bag immediately
- Stay home if you feel unwell and call Healthline on 0800 358 5453 if you have concerns

## **Netball**

### **MEMO TO ALL NETBALL IN ROTORUA**

Netball Rotorua wishes to advise that a directive has been sent to us today from Netball New Zealand so netball in Rotorua will not be commencing until 2 May or whenever we are advised.

## **TOUCH**

### **ROTORUA TOUCH IS CANCELLED FOR THE SEASON - TERM 1**

Following the government's directive to CANCEL all events and public gatherings of 500 or more the Rotorua Touch Association will be cancelling all schools touch for the remainder of this season.

At this time Rotorua Touch needs to follow the advice provided by the Ministry of Health to keep everyone safe.

### **Aorangi Karearea**

There was no game for our seniors this week due to advice from the Ministry of Health.

### **Aorangi Eagles**

Last week our junior team played against Westbrook Red at the Westbrook Rugby Fields. They proved to be too fierce for their opposition which resulted in another win. Once again everyone played showing sportsmanship and determination. The **Player of the Game** was awarded to **Hone Mercep**. Ka mau te wehi Hone.

*Karen Anderson - Sports Co-ordinator*

### **COMING EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Thursday 19 Mar	Year 1 - 3 trip
Thursday 26 Mar	B.o.T Meeting
Thursday 2 Apr	Student-Led Conferences
Wednesday 8 Apr	School Ends for Term 1

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Rhya Hall	R.3	<i>Using FANTASTIC ideas to create a lovely piece of writing.</i>
Manaia Daniels-Taunoa	R.4	<i>Using more descriptive words in her story writing.</i>
Salem Kakau	R.5	<i>Great pronunciation of Te Reo Maori. Mahi tino iti tetahi.</i>
Corbin Langi-Wikaire	R.6	<i>Sounding out words in writing.</i>
Porsha Raupita	R.10	<i>Amazing enthusiasm with every aspect of learning.</i>
Reagan Williams	Te Papatakaro O Papatuanuku Award ***Aroha*** (JR)	
Damien Hazard	Te Papatakaro O Papatuanuku Award ***Aroha*** (SR)	
R.4	Quietest Class	<i>The best class at assembly last week.</i>
R.10	Environment Award	

