



Te Kura O Ritimana
**Richmond
Road School**

Growing Together As One

6 July 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The end of term two is fast approaching and what a busy term we have had. There has been much school enthusiasm and participation in the junior and senior cross-country events, winter inter-school netball, swimming league and the most recent success in flipper ball. There is also our school ukulele group that continue to practice with view to performing at the NZ Ukulele festival later this year and the choir that sang at our school assembly. A big thank you to all those who organised those teams and events.

We have had the pleasure of "Safari", the school production at the iconic Mercury Theatre. A plethora of vivid colour, a clear reflection of the unity in our school, a strong environmental message and a wonderful success! Well done to all those behind the scenes, the teachers for their hard work, the parents for those incredible costumes and the children for all their effort. And, of course a thank you to L'Archipel for providing the wonderful food stand that fed so many of us that evening. This production was a credit to you all.

Our school also celebrated Matariki (the Maori new year), starting on Monday morning, 3 July where there was a strong show of 70 people from all four ropu and the community. Matariki literally means the "eyes of god" (mata ariki). All ropu celebrated Matariki week with karakia, star gazing, searching for the Matariki star cluster, Matariki stories, lunch time discos, learning activities and sharing kai. Te Whanau Whariki also hosted Kowhai Intermediate and New Windsor Intermediate during the week. Thank you to all those who organised this unique Aotearoa/NZ celebration.

This term sees us sadly saying goodbye to Stacey Dewar from Kiwi Connection. She has been a great asset to the teaching team and school and we wish her all the best for her future and her next endeavours.



Te Whānau Whāriki

Ra Moemoea Tālou Ka Taea



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As you will have seen, the construction work is coming along quickly now. Although there have been some bumps along the way, we are pleased that the Ministry of Education has now agreed to also complete the six-classroom block. The linkway (between the new structure and Mua I Malae) and the refurbishment of MiM are going ahead as planned. And, thank you to Peter Coats and Jonathan for their tireless work on this. Peter and I recently inspected the brand new block nearing completion. And, we were impressed as to how flowing, elegant and spacious this new structure is. We all look forward to the completion of each of these construction stages.

The board have now had two pre-hui community board meetings. These are held one week before each monthly board meetings. The first hui was very successful with a good number of people attending that generated ideas and raised concerns. The second pre-board hui had no attendees. Regardless of this, the board will continue to hold the pre-hui meetings for the rest of the year as they provide the community with an important window to the board. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for upcoming meetings.

We thank Turama Meha for initiating the school-wide PTA at the first pre-board hui. And, we encourage the community to attend the next meeting if you are interested in joining this school-wide parent group. The PTA has the boards' support and we believe it is an excellent initiative that will further unite the parents of all four ropu therefore our tamariki and the interests of the school.

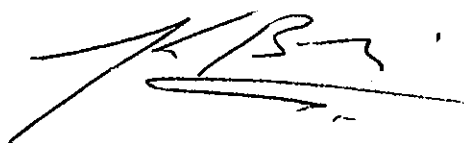
The first community Charter Working Group meeting will be held in term three at school on Thursday, 14th September at 7pm. If you have signalled your interest to Jozie Sharpe, she will be in contact closer to the time. If you would like to attend but haven't replied, please email joziesharpe@gmail.com

This term I attended the National Board of Trustee Chairpersons' Conference at which 200 school board chairpersons attended from schools across New Zealand. The conference was impressive with insight gained into leadership and the roles and duties as a Chairman. I continue to build a supportive network from all corners of the country, should our board and school need assistance in the future.

Finally, please note that the new board email address is: rrsbot@richmondroad.school.nz

The board wishes to thank the teachers and support staff for a successful term of learning experiences for our tamariki. We wish everyone a very deserved and relaxed second term break and look forward to the start of the third term.

Kind regards



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Chairman of the Board of Trustees
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