



Richmond Road School

TE KURA O RITIMANA



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Aim High – Whaia Te Iti Kahurangi – Tauivi Malosi – Visez Haut

Term 1: 24 February 2016

Principal's Note

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Talofa lava, kia ora, malo e lelei, bonjour, kia orana, greetings and hello everyone.

*“To develop tamariki who are culturally intelligent lifelong learners,
who strive for excellence and contribute to their communities“*

Welcome to our second school-wide newsletter for 2016. It's hard to believe that we are already in week four. Last week you will have received the first of our fortnightly rōpu newsletters and it has been great to get the feedback that many of you would like to receive all four, and not just the one relating to your child's class. The rōpu newsletters can also be found on our website under 'For Parents, Rōpu Newsletters'.

Important Dates

25 February:	Family Picnic 5.30pm – 7pm (school grounds)
1 March:	Parent ILE Evening 6pm – 7.30pm – please RSVP via eventbrite for planning purposes
2 March:	BoT Meeting 6pm – 9pm
4 March:	Assembly 9.15am – 10am
25 March	Good Friday
28 March	Easter Monday
29 March	Easter Tuesday
Week 10	Policy Review – see school docs via school website
12 April:	Parent Conferences – school closes at 1pm
13 April:	Parent Conferences – school closes at 1pm

Term Dates for 2016

2 February – 15 April:	Term 1
2 May – 8 July:	Term 2
25 July – 23 September:	Term 3
10 October – 14 December:	Term 4

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It's has been an extremely busy time for us at RRS with only one office administration staff member (Lisa) and one DP (Athlene) and myself. Thank you to all for being so understanding when there have been some delays in replying to your requests. *Please remember that if your request is urgent to phone us.* At Richmond Road School we value the use of email as a way of arranging meeting times with parents, colleagues and organising school events such as sporting tournaments. We never want to forget the value of face to face or even voice to voice communication. Please take these factors into consideration when emailing teachers. If you do have concerns please only use email to briefly outline the concerns and to arrange an appointment time to discuss these with the child's teacher. Please take this into account when emailing all staff. Thank you.

We have had a huge vandalism hit in the weekend where our new speaker system attached to the school hall has been ripped off, the netball hoops have been broken (after we just repaired them), and some of our shade cloths were also destroyed. We also had huge amounts of broken glass to pick up off the courts first thing on Monday morning. If you see or hear anything suspicious please do not hesitate to call the Police.

We have a number of important upcoming events and details are listed further in this newsletter. The events include a family picnic evening this Thursday (weather permitting), an evening about property and curriculum at Richmond Road School (please RSVP via the Eventbrite parent/teacher/student conferences), and camp for our year 5 and 6 students.

There is as always a lot going on at school, some of which you will find below **(repeated for new parents)**. Please also keep an eye on our Facebook, Twitter, our Rōpu newsletters and school-wide fortnightly newsletters.

- Our School has new bell times as follows 8.30am (signals that the School and front office is now open). Nine o'clock is our start time and our first break is at 11am. The second learning session is from 11.30-1pm and the third learning session is from 1.50-3pm. **We expect that children will not arrive at school before 8.30am and will be gone from the school site by 3.15pm** (unless accompanied by an adult or at After School Care).
- We are still **looking for adult support this year with our road patrols** on Richmond Road and Douglas Street for both before school (8.30-8.55am) and after school (3.00-3.15pm). We know that everyone cannot help us with this but if every parent could, then it would be about once a year that you would need to do it. By helping us, it means that your child's teacher has more time to be in the classroom for pastoral care and for making sure that all lessons are engaging and exciting as they have more time to plan... Please contact athlene@richmondroad.school.nz or your child's teacher if you can help. Thank you.
- We are selling reusable foodwrap to help support our 'Wastewise', zero waste lunches. You can buy them at the office for \$12.00. They also help us with our fundraising: <http://www.honeywrap.co.nz/>
- Visitors to the school (including parents / Whānau who are staying for any length of time) need to sign in at the office. You will be given a sticker to wear on your clothes.
- Children who are late to school should come to the office so that they can be recorded as here. Please come to the office before going to class to get a 'late' card to take back to class. This means the teacher knows they have been marked on the register.
- **A number of children still do not have their exercise books and writing tools. Please either order online or pick up from your local store. Here is the link:** http://www.warehousestationery.co.nz/is-bin/INTERSHOP.enfinity/WFS/WSL-B2C-Site/en_NZ/-/NZD/ViewBTSSubjectYearGrid-Start?autocomplete_parameter=Richmond+Road+School&Next.x=22&Next.y=23

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- School donations make up a very important part of the way we plan for and deliver learning here at Richmond Road School. It is optional, but with your payment it does mean that we can provide some extras that we wouldn't be able to provide without the donation. Last year we managed to get to around \$60K and a huge thank you for that. We would reach a total \$100K if everyone paid. Over the coming weeks you will receive a reminder in the form of an invoice generated by our student management system (SMS). The BoT and I thank you in advance. These can be paid online or at the school office. School donations are \$300 (first child), \$200 (second child), \$150 (third child) for the year.
- The School policies under review can be found on this page and submissions should be made online: <http://richmondroad.schooldocs.co.nz/>
- Student learning goal sheets will formally come home on Friday of week 10 and you will be able to discuss them, amongst other things, at our Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tues 12th and Wed 13th April. **Please note that School finishes at 1pm on each of these days.** More details to follow closer to the time.

A reminder that there is no assembly this Friday. Our first assembly will be in week 5 at 9.15am. We have moved the Assembly due to the heat of the afternoon making it not the most enjoyable or productive event in the school calendar.

Ka kite anō, au revoir, tofa soifua, until next time.

Jonathan.

WHANAKE READING TUTORS REQUIRED

The Whanake reading programme gives support to children who need extra reading mileage. We need two tutors to help from 9.00-10.00 on Tuesdays or Thursdays. The tutors work one/one and training is provided. This is a very rewarding way to be involved and Grandparents, friends and relations are all welcome. Please contact judith@richmondroad.school.nz if you are interested in helping.

SCHOOL DISCO – SAVE THE DATE

Our school Disco will be on **Thursday, 31 March** in the school hall.

Juniors – years 1, 2 & 3 from 5pm – 6.30pm

Seniors – years 4, 5, & 6 from 6.30pm – 8pm

Funds raised will cover the last our playground shortfall. More details in the coming weeks.

LIFEPOD – LITTLE HEARTS HELPING LITTLE HEARTS

Little Hearts Helping Little Hearts" is part of a global fundraising appeal started last year by Sir Ray Avery to provide life-saving LifePod incubators to Third World Hospitals. Children are encouraged to bring \$2 for a little heart sticker, which they can put on the huge heart hanging at the school entrance. If we can fill this heart up we will have raised \$2000 - enough for 1 LifePod!

MANDARIN CLASSES

Mandarin Chinese group classes will return to RRS this term on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, after school. Classes will run for 1 hour from 3:15-4:15pm, starting 9 February (Tuesday classes) and 15 February (Monday classes). Cost: \$15 per lesson (\$120 for 8 week term Mondays, \$150 for 10 week term Tuesdays)

Small group classes for all ages and beginners welcome. This term we are using the French library in the main building above the office

Please contact either Rachel Tan (rachelwhe@hotmail.com) or Michelle Kong (michkong71@yahoo.com) to enrol your child, or if you would like further information.

Wishing everyone a Happy Chinese New Year for the Year of the Monkey!

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Charlotte Piot, a valued member of our French community, would like to carry out a photography project that would involve the participation of children from our school. She is looking for **a girl and boy from each ropu, who is 5 - 6 years old**. The selected children will be required to take photos of various items. The photographs will be displayed at our Richmond Road School art exhibition later on in the year, as well the Grey Lynn Community Centre. If you are at all interested in your child taking part in this project, please contact Charlotte directly at: charleyboo77@hotmail.com

RECIPE BOOK – ON SALE NOW ***\$10.00***

The Richmond Road School with Love cookbook is for sale at a reduced price: \$10.00 and is available at the school office. This book is filled with a great range of mouth-watering treats from the RRS Community. Such treats include *Sweet Peppered Almonds, Kumara Date & Orange Salad, Pork fillet with Caramelised Onions, Express Bok Choy, Pear & Chocolate Pie...*

SCHOOL HALL FOR HIRE

The Richmond Road School Hall is provided as a community facility, and is available for hire for community events and also by groups, classes, clubs and societies. The hall can accommodate up to 340 people and includes the use of a large kitchen. Contact Lisa at lisa@richmondroad.school.nz for further information.

Richmond Road School is delighted to be **auditioning** for our NEW Band!

Auditions will take place *Monday (29 February) at 1.30pm in Room 15.*

To be eligible to audition you must be in year 4, 5 or 6, have been learning your instrument for at least one year, be able to play a scale, be able to read music and be committed to attending all rehearsals and performances.

Lewis Eady's tutor – Felipe Simonetto will be mentoring the band and also offering lessons in guitar and ukulele.

Felipe Simonetto who joined Lewis Eady in 2012 teaches acoustic and electric guitar at Richmond Road, Bayfield, Balmoral School and at Lewis Eady Music School (Great South Road, Epsom). Felipe completed two years of his Bachelor of Music degree at Fiamm-Faam University in Brazil, then achieved a certificate in SET UP (stage configuration, pedals, racks, amplifiers and others) and Diplomas in Structural Music Language and Performing Electric Guitars from The Music Institute Sao Paulo. Felipe began teaching guitar in 2002 and also brings extensive performance experience to our team. He is guitarist in Batucada Sound Machine.

This is an exciting opportunity for us at Richmond Road School. We look forward to seeing you on ***Monday (29 February) at 1.30pm in Room 15 with your instrument and music!***

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS AT RICHMOND ROAD SCHOOL



Our students have the opportunity to learn to play musical instruments at school with Lewis Eady. For children in year 3 and upwards, **30 minute lessons (group or one-on-one)** take place each Monday during school time. Instruments available include **keyboard, guitar, ukulele and singing.**

Lewis Eady's beginner music programme **Musical Jam** - a fun, instrumental prep programme for year 1 and 2, is a great way to get started!

To enrol for music lessons with Lewis Eady tutors (Felipe and Nathan) based at Richmond Road School, and for more information on the instruments and programmes offered, please visit www.lewiseady.co.nz

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