



# Richmond Road School

TE KURA O RITIMANA



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

School closed this Friday and the following Monday & Tuesday. We re-open Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

**Term 1: 23 March 2016**

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

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

Welcome to our school-wide newsletter number four for 2016. Easter is nearly upon us and school is closed this Friday and next Monday and Tuesday. We are back on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30am. In this fortnight's newsletter we would like to say thanks to Robyn and Deborah for their amazing organisation of our year 4-6 swimming sports yesterday. We can't do these things without parental support. Thanks. Also a thank you to Taua'i and Laela for their organisation at the school level with buses and permission slips etc supported by Cecile. If you are still to pay the \$5 for the bus, we would really appreciate it as quickly as possible. The school has covered the pool rental.

Our parent / teacher conferences are coming up in week 11 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April. School will finish at 1pm on both of these days. We appreciate the support you give by collecting your child or organising for other care. This allows all teachers to get ready to meet with parents about the children they teach. More details about booking etc to follow shortly.

Please find below details of three staff appointments made after completing interviews over the past few weeks.

**Admin role:** Cecile Datry has been appointed to the position. Cecile is a French and is now living in NZ with her Kiwi partner. She is a local resident.

**DP position:** David Pentecost has been appointed to the position of DP. David is an experienced DP who is coming from being Associate Principal at Balmoral School (8 years) and prior to that he worked at Newton Central for approximately 12 years in the positions of teacher, Associate Principal and Acting Principal. He will start with us on day one of Term 2.

**Learning Assistant in TWW (fixed term):** Mohi Allen is working part time to support children with their reo in TWW. He will be with us until the end of the year and is currently a tertiary

student studying full-time. Majoring in Māori and film, television and media studies. He is also a recipient of the Ngā Manu Korero award.

Over the next few newsletters we will be publishing excerpts from our latest ERO review. The first is about “*Learning*”. These results could not be achieved without the BoT’s support, along with staff, children and parents.

*...School achievement information shows that students achieve well throughout the school. Students’ achievement and progress is carefully monitored. By Year six the majority of students are achieving at, or above the National Standards in reading, writing and mathematics. Students display fluency in a range of languages, express pride in their cultural heritage and are confident in their identity.... The school has developed tools to assess Mua i Malae and L’Archipel students’ achievement in relation to National Standards. These assessments appropriately recognise rates of progress and achievement for students learning bilingually... New approaches for reporting student achievement to the board provide evaluative comments that help trustees set school priorities and targets. Teachers take appropriately targeted actions to accelerate the progress of students who are not achieving to their potential...Senior leaders and teachers use achievement information well. They inquire into the effectiveness of teaching practices and identify relevant professional learning requirements. An ongoing focus for the school is to further develop students’ understanding and use of achievement information. This focus is designed to support students to be more actively involved in decisions about their learning.”*

Our second assembly for the year is on tomorrow at 9.15am in the hall. You are all welcome.

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

Jonathan

## Important Dates...

**School Disco:** Thursday 31st March at 5pm. More details to come early next week.

**Parent Conferences:** Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th April. School closes at 1pm.

**Board Meeting:** Wednesday 13th April at 6pm

**L’Archipel 20th Anniversary celebration:** assembly Friday 15th April at 2pm (school hall)

## Anzac Day...

Usual annual events for ANZAC day will take place again this year on the 25th April which is during the school holidays. Last year we prepared a wreath to be placed at the foot of the flag pole at the RSC in Grey Lynn. We had a parent volunteer to do this with their child and this year we are looking for another volunteer to do the same. If you would like to attend the march on ANZAC day in Grey Lynn and have your child place the wreath on behalf of the school then please email Athlene at [athlene@richmond.school.nz](mailto:athlene@richmond.school.nz)

## Lost Property

We now have a storage cupboard for lost property which can be found at the end of the office / admin corridor next to the hub. If you are wanting to look through the cupboard for any lost property items, we would appreciate that the cupboard be kept as neat and tidy as possible. Our lovely lost property monitors Emi and Theadora have done a great job at organising our cupboard for us.



## FLIPPA BALL

Flippa Ball starting term two for any year 5/6 and tall year 4's (have to be able to touch the bottom of pool) who would like to play. It's at the Millenium pool on the North Shore and games are on Sunday afternoons between about 4pm and 7pm. We practice skills on a Friday morning at 8am at the school. I will have a meeting for those children interested at the school before the end of term. Deborah (Benji's mum, year 5) [dskiwi98@yahoo.com](mailto:dskiwi98@yahoo.com)

## DISCO

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## DISCO

The disco is just over a week away!!

### **Thursday 31 March:**

Junior school (years 1 – 3) 5 – 6.15pm

Senior school (years 4 – 6) 6.30 – 8pm

Tickets \$5 on the door (capped at \$10 per family). Please note – this event is for RRS pupils only.

Parents/caregivers will need to drop off and collect children **directly from the venue promptly (i.e., from inside the hall)** at the conclusion of each session. Staff will be in attendance on the night.

**All funds raised will go towards paying the final instalment on our new playground.**

- We have **Nickson** from the **Mai FM Morning Crew** on the decks.
- Sausage sizzle,
- Bake sale
- Glow toys
- Prizes for the best moves.

We need **donations of baking (both sweet & savoury) to sell on the night** – please drop these to the Hall on the day between 8.30 - 9am or at the start of your child's session.

A big thank you to Victoria Park New World for donating towards our event.

See you there!



**NEW WORLD**  
**Victoria Park**

16 March 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians

Richmond Road Ukulele Group

Your child has indicated an interest in joining the Richmond Road Ukulele Group which will be preparing to take part in the 2016 NZ Ukulele Festival to be held at The Trusts Arena, Henderson in December. Our children will have the opportunity to play alongside 2500+ others from all across Auckland in a wonderful celebration of music and community. For full information about the festival, please visit the NZ Ukulele website - [nzukulelefestival.org.nz](http://nzukulelefestival.org.nz)

Weekly practices will commence on **Monday 4 April and be held at school in Room 15 at 2.20pm every Monday.**

To take part in the group, your child must be in year 4, 5 or 6, will need to have their own ukulele and return the completed, signed permission slip (below).

Cost: **\$5 registration fee**

Please sign the consent form below and return to the school office by Thursday **31st March 2016** if you agree to your child taking part in this opportunity.

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Parent/Guardian of .....

Class.....

I give permission for my child to take part in the Richmond Road Ukulele Group in preparation for the NZ Ukulele Festival to be held in December 2016.

Signed..... (parent/guardian)

Date.....