



Te Kura O Ritimana

# Richmond Road School

Growing Together As  One

## Newsletter Term 1 Week 8 22 March 2017

### Jonathan's note

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

It is week eight and the term is now over half-way. There have been many trips off site for our children the past fortnight and we have our Te Whānau Whariki tamariki off next week on their Noho Marae experience. A huge thank you to all the adult helpers, as without your support we would not be able to add these experiences to our classroom programmes.

Thanks to all who have given such positive feedback to our new logo and the phrase "growing together as one". It is by growing together as one that we will be able to deliver on our vision of "culturally intelligent life long learners".

As a whole staff we had an very engaging and meaningful ToD last Friday where we asked ourselves questions around how to challenge learning. A video that may be of interest can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/128462566>

Parent/teacher conferences are coming up on Tuesday 11th April and Wednesday 12th April (week 11) and school on both these days finishes at 1pm. We appreciate your support with this, as it allows us to see all parents/caregivers over the two days to discuss learning. More details about booking and childcare will come out shortly.

We have our third whole school assembly this week at 9:10am. This week Vesna's Homegroup will host the assembly. We encourage you to join us if you can.

### WELCOME

We wish to welcome our new students and their families of the last fortnight:

- Welcome Mele
- Tēnā koe Meri-Ella and Reinahera

We look forward to being part of your growth and learning journey.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March: Parent/Whānau picnic evening at 5.30pm**
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of March: Inner City Softball** (Save day on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April)
- **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of April: BoT meeting at 6pm**
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of April: Pool Shift from 9.00am**
- **Tues-Wed 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> of April: Parent/teacher/child conferences at 1pm**

Parent/teacher/child conferences are to be held this term on Tuesday 11th April and Wednesday 12th April. They will start at 1pm on both days.

- **Thursday 13th of April: Last day of Term 1 (no school on Friday)**

Don't forget that the Ukulele and Band lessons have started last Monday. Please remind your child if they signed up for Ukulele or have passed the auditions and are part of the Band.

## SCHOOL DONATIONS AND ACTIVITY FEE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who had paid the School Donation and Activity Fee and understand that we can't do much of what we do without this extra money.

**SCHOOL DONATIONS 2017**  
\$300 a year for the 1<sup>st</sup> child (or \$75 a term)  
\$200 a year for the 2<sup>nd</sup> child (or \$50 a term)  
\$150 a year for the 3<sup>rd</sup> child (or \$37.5 a term)

For those of you who do not pay, we'd like to ask you to reconsider your decision as it is the donation money that will allow us to update our computer hardware, shade around the school, our playgrounds, sporting equipment, landscaping, learning assistants etc. We can't provide what I hear most of you asking for more of if we do not get the school donation money. So we urge those of you who do not pay (for whatever reasons) to reconsider and again thanks to those who do pay the minimal amount we ask for.

The activity fee is \$75 per child. The purpose of the 'activity' fee is so that we:

- do not have to ask you for more money this year
- can plan trips that will enhance the curriculum for our children
- can make the administration of trips easier for our small office team and teachers when they are organising these experiences.

## PARENT VOLUNTER NEEDED FOR THE POOL SHIFT

We have been fortunate to have our school pool for 2 terms. It has been a great experience for all involved. Thanks to all of the parents who helped our Junior swimmers. The pool will be going to Waterlea School next.

We require your help to dismantle it. This will be taking place on **Tuesday 11th April from 9am** (same day as parent interviews). The process will take a few hours.

If you are able to help for a while please email the office. Thanks.

## ONLINE SHOP ISSUES

Kindo (who manages our online shop) have let us know that there were some technical hitches Monday night with topping up accounts using the online link and viewing some payables. They got on to their providers and it was sorted out by 9.30am Tuesday morning, so if you did get caught up in that, please try again now. If you are concerned, you can check your payments on the My Orders page on your Kindo account.

Any issues, the helpdesk is open for your calls 8am-4pm school days on 0508 4KINDO or [09-869 5200](tel:09-869-5200) or email [helpdesk@tgcl.co.nz](mailto:helpdesk@tgcl.co.nz). Thanks! From Sandra and the team at ezlunch and kindo.



## MORE RICHMOND ROAD SCHOOL HONEY

Given the success of the RRS honey, we have ordered more stock, available at the office. Anyone can now come to the office and buy a pot of 500g for \$10. First come, first serve while stock last. Enjoy!

## MANDARIN LANGUAGE

Lanlan (our Mandarin Language Assistant) will be running some extension Mandarin groups during this year with small groups. Please fill in the form below if you are interested in having your child/ren participate. The show of interest will depend on how and when these groups will operate.

There will also be whole class participation by some rooms across the School. This form is for participation in a small extension group only.

**Expression of interest link for Mandarin classes:** <https://goo.gl/forms/Y1McmSaje6tbpHPH2>

## ICAS TEST REGISTRATION

ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program. The assessments comprise tests in the following areas on the dates on the right for children in Years 3-6:

For more than 30 years, Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) has continuously improved and enhanced ICAS. A new ICAS test is developed annually for each subject in each year level by a team of subject matter experts. All ICAS tests are reviewed by experienced teachers to ensure that they accurately assess students' skills and are relevant to what they are learning at school. Each test is sat at the student's school and is invigilated by teachers under normal examination conditions. Administration Guidelines are provided to schools with the ICAS papers to ensure that the same conditions are afforded to all students sitting ICAS.

- **Digital Technologies**, Tuesday 23 May (\$9.50)
- **Science**, Tuesday 30 May (\$9.50)
- **Writing**, Tuesday 13 June (\$20.50)
- **Spelling**, Wednesday 14 June (\$11.50)
- **English**, Tuesday 1 August (\$9.50)
- **Mathematics**, Tuesday 15 August (\$9.50)

Please register and pay at the school office if you are interested. The closing date is **Friday 31st March**.

## PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR SPORT

We are looking for parents to help support the following sports tournaments at Richmond Road School:

If you have expertise or experience in these areas and are willing and able to help please let us know. We would appreciate support with trainings before or after school once per week leading up to the tournament and attending the event on the day. We appreciate your support.

Thanks, Troy and Stacey [please email the office]

### Term 2:

- **Rugby League** 22<sup>nd</sup> June (29<sup>th</sup> June saver date)

### Term 3:

- **Rugby Union/ Rippa** 10<sup>th</sup> August (17<sup>th</sup> August saver date)
- **Soccer** 31<sup>st</sup> August (7<sup>th</sup> September saver date)
- **Netball** 21<sup>st</sup> September (29<sup>th</sup> September saver date)

### Term 4:

- **Athletics** 22<sup>nd</sup> November (29<sup>th</sup> November)
- **Basketball** 26<sup>th</sup> October

## REMINDERS

### STATIONERY WITH OFFICE MAX

This year our class list requirements loaded up on to [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz). Simply search for Richmond Road School, select your child's unit (TWW, MiM, L'A, or KC), and the appropriate year level.

Please note that the stationery should not be labelled or named. We would like to do this as a class.

### BELL TIMES

Children can arrive from 8.30am onwards. School is from 9.00am to 3.00pm with morning tea at 11.00-11.30am and lunch at 1.00-1.50pm. Please make sure you have arranged collection of your child by 3.30pm.



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### LATENESS, ABSENCE AND APPOINTMENT

- If your child happens to be **late**, please sign in (or remind him/her to sign in) at the office first and then your child will be given a late pass for the teacher's attention. Otherwise you will get an absence notification.
- If you **take your children out** before the end of the day, please come to the office first where you can sign your child out and be given a sign out pass for the teacher's attention.
- If your child is **absent**, please let the office know **with a valid justification** either by email at [absences@richmondroad.school.nz](mailto:absences@richmondroad.school.nz), by phone or through the absence form on our website, even if you have told the teacher already. Otherwise you will get an absence notification.
- For all absence without justification, we will send you an **absence notification** through text or email. Please make sure you provide us with your latest contact information and let us know if you have a preferred contact to use.

### WATER ONLY

From the start of this term we are a '**water only school**'. School staff will be reminding children of this and will also remove drinks other than water from children. They will be asked to take it home and not to bring it back.

### LUNCH ORDERS

If you want to order a lunch for your child on the day, the school has teamed up with 2 restaurants in Ponsonby/Grey Lynn: **Subway Ponsonby** and **Pane & Vino**.

You can order Subway:

- **Everyday at school** by dropping your Subway envelope **before 9am on the day**.

Please just make sure that the envelope has: the child's name, the correct room number, the money (Subway give back the change if need be) and the detail of the order.

- **Through YQ**. This service is available everyday, but you need to order **before 9.30am on the day**.

You can access the website here [www.yq.co.nz](http://www.yq.co.nz) or download the mobile app.

Subway has been notified that we are going water only, so any drink ordered will be automatically swapped by a bottle of water.

Lunches from Pane & Vino can now be ordered everyday **through [our school online shop](#)**. You may still order Pane & Vino through YQ until the end of Term 1 only.

Aim High  
Whaia Te Iti Kahurangi  
Tauivi Malosi  
Visez Haut

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

