



Te Kura O Ritimana

Richmond Road School

Growing Together As One

NEWSLETTER

Week 4 Term 1 | 21 February 2018

*Tena koutou e te whanau, he mihi nui kia koutou katoa
Kia ora, Talofa lava and Bonjour.
Welcome to Week 4 of Term 1.*

Dear parents, caregivers and whānau. The term is well underway with learning at Richmond Road School - Te Kura o Ritimana. We hope you have all had a great start to the school year.

We are currently reviewing the approach we use to deliver inquiry in our learning spaces. As the world changes, our approach to student learning needs to adapt so students are connected to the real world beyond the classroom. What we may have known as 'topic', which was largely a content based curriculum coverage style of delivery, is in the process of change.

An integral part of this review is listening to student questions that can be used to guide student and teacher learning alike. An example is our inquiry using the context of 'The Brain'. In The Hub, students are asking the question "*Is Seeing Believing?*" This was after a teacher led provocation around optical illusions. You may have noticed the development of 'Wonder Walls' in your child's classroom. These are covered with many post-it notes with children's questions which are categorised into 'I See', 'I Think', 'I Wonder'. You are able to view and discuss these with your child before or after school and during our upcoming Learning Space Open Morning [**Treasure Hunt of Learning**].

The revised inquiry model will draw upon many educational theories and in particular one that listens to children's questions. In doing so we are preparing them for the skills they will need at their intermediate, secondary school and beyond. Please follow the link below for a brief introduction to this approach and some of the thinking behind it.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cvwpLarbUD8>

*"I am powerful, capable, creative, curious
and full of ideas."*

Loris Malaguzzi

Ngā mihi

David

Deputy Principal - Tumuaki Tuarua

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1: Tuesday the 30th of January until Friday the 13th of April.

Public holidays and teacher only day:

- Auckland anniversary: Monday 30th of January
- Waitangi Day: Tuesday 6th of February
- Teacher only day: Monday 26th of March (school closed)
- Easter: Good Friday 30th of March, Easter Monday 2nd of April and Easter Tuesday 3rd of April (a school holiday)

Term 2: Monday the 30th of April to Friday the 6th of July.

Public holiday: Queen's Birthday 4th of June

Term 3: Monday the 23rd of July to Friday the 28th of September.

Term 4: Monday the 15th of October to Thursday the 13th of December.

Public holiday: Labour Day 22nd of October

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1

Wednesday 21st February: **Pre-BoT meeting at 6.30pm at Lokanta**

Wednesday 28th February: **BoT meeting [6-8pm] in the staffroom**

Thursday 1st March: **Treasure Hunt of Learning for KC, L'A and MiM [9-11am] ***

Thursday 8th of March: **Family picnic on the field [5-7pm]**

Tuesday 20th [1-7pm] and Wednesday 21st March [1-5pm]: **Parent teacher conferences in the afternoon (half day, school finishes at 1pm on both days)**

Monday 26th March: **Teacher Only Day (no school).**

Friday 30th March to Tuesday 3rd April included: **school closed for Easter.**

Friday 13th April: **Last day of Term 1.**

- Holidays-

Monday 30th April: **Start of Term 2**

* Read more details in the following pages of this newsletter



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WELCOME

We would like to welcome our new students and their families:

- Welcome Connor, Freddie, Isabella, Baden, Anna, Miles, Tycen, Ethan, Zara.
- Bienvenue Gauvyn, Mathilda, Maxime, Jade, Louenn.

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

SCHOOL DONATIONS

The government funding does not cover all things a school needs to create a great environment for our tamariki.

Important things that these donations could go towards include: computer hardware, playground equipment, sporting equipment, bi-lingual education consultancy, learning assistants.

Without these donations the school may not be able to fund these.

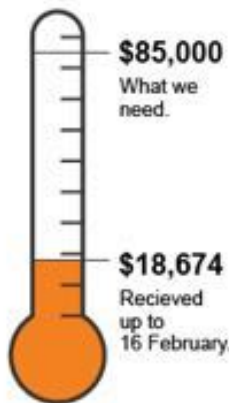
School donations are:

- \$300/year for the 1st child (or \$75/term)
- \$200/year for the 2nd child (or \$50/term)
- \$150/year for the 3rd child (or \$37.50/term)

The school donation can be paid **only after your child starts** on the online shop at this link <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/>. If you don't have access to internet, you can pay at the office during office hours. If you pay by online banking, please put your child's name as reference.

We will send paper statements for tax purpose throughout the year.

For special payment requests, please contact Lisa at lisa@richmondroad.school.nz.



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For those parents, caregivers and whānau who are new to our school, and for those of us who have been here a while, let's remind ourselves about our school logo. Our story is included below:

The logo is based on a capital "R" and a lowercase "r" standing for "Richmond Road". The lowercase "r" is symbolic

of a student entering the school (represented by the uppercase part of the "R" logo). Without the lowercase "r" shape in the logo the "R" would be incomplete. So it is that, without Richmond Road's diverse range of students, our student community would not be complete. The small "r" represents our students as they enter our school and the capital "R" when they leave. Our students leave our kura with a wealth of learning experiences to take with them on their journey.

Behind the "R" shape are four symbols. These are a Fleur-de-lis (representing French speaking students), a Fern leaf (representing English speaking students), a Koru (representing Māori speaking students), and a Frangipani flower (representing Samoan speaking students). The students enter Richmond Road and become part of one of the four Rōpū.

The circle around the outside reinforces the oneness aspect of Richmond Road. Without one of the Rōpū the school is not whole. The logos are all the same colour and style to reinforce their equal nature and give a family feel to the school branding. We are *Growing Together As One*.

"**Growing Together As One**" implies two things:

- Coming closer together as school rōpū at Richmond Road
- Together we grow in our learning

POLI PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR SHOP

Our Kindo shop now has another payment option... internet banking with POLi. [Learn more about POLi here.](#) You can now choose to pay for items via your myKindo account using **debit/credit card** (American Express, Mastercard, Visa, China UnionPay), by **internet/phone banking** or by **Account2Account** or **POLi**.

* To pay now, please visit our website or mykindo.co.nz, or click here https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user_home.shtml?session=false&shop=Richmond%20Road%20School.

* **NEW USERS...** If you do NOT have a kindo account already, visit this link to get started. <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?&shop=Richmond%20Road%20School>

You can find a quick guide on how to use the online shop here: <https://goo.gl/k9AieP>



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Treasure Hunt of Learning - Our Learning Space Open Morning - Thursday 1st March

Learning Space Open Morning - Kiwi Connection, Mua I Malae and L'Archipel - Thursday 1st March 9:00 to 11:30

On Thursday 1st March from 9:00am to 11:00am our Kiwi Connection (The Village and The Hub), Mua I Malae and L'Archipel will be hosting our termly "Treasure Hunt of Learning".

One of the purposes of this event is to build upon parent engagement to enhance our school values, vision and to celebrate your child's success as a learner. We would also like to build upon the success of last years events.

If you are new to our school we would like to provide the opportunity for you to participate in what the school day 'looks like' for your children. You are also welcome to join us during morning tea time.

What will the morning look like?

You are welcome anytime from 9:00am to 11:00 am in the classrooms and for playtime if you would like. Schoolwide Jump Jam is on too at 10:00am.

Your child will look forward to celebrating aspects of their learning with you. This could be related to a reflection about their inquiry, a piece of writing or a piece of their artwork. Please ask your child questions about their learning and school life.

During this time you are welcome to ask your child's teacher questions related to this learning. You may also be asked to read to a small group of children.

A record and reflection of the the event will be posted on Seesaw or classroom blogs.

We look forward to to your participation. Please come along and join us with our learning and school life.

Nau mai Afio mai Welcome Bienvenue

Parent Sports Liaisons - Can you help?

We have a number of sporting events on this year that fall under the umbrella of Richmond Road school representation. These include:

- The Lactic Turkey orienteering event
- Weet-Bix Tryathlon
- Liaison with local athletics clubs for use of training facilities

As a number of our Year 6 students have moved onto intermediate so too have the parents who have coordinated the organisation of these events. We are looking for parents who are able to continue this for our tamariki in 2018.

If you are able to help coordinate these events with the school please contact Matua Troy or David.

david@richmondroad.school.nz -
troy@richmondroad.school.nz

Basketball League for Y5-6

The Inner City West Primary School cluster has a Basketball League that operates throughout the year for Year 5 and 6 students. The games are on Fridays from 3.30pm at Ponsonby Intermediate, starting next week.

We will need 8 or 9 players per team and the cost is \$400 a team.

Please contact Salu if you are interested. salu@richmondroad.school.nz

Staffing update 2018

At the end of term one we farewell two members of our staff who are moving on for different reasons. Mareta has decided to move out of the classroom and onto other educational opportunities. We wish her well in her new endeavours. Kate who committed to giving us the first term of 2018 has also found another work opportunity and will say goodbye to us at the end of this term. We are grateful that Kate could join us for the term and allowed us to start the year with a full complement of staff in this challenging environment of teacher shortage.

Advertisements have gone into the Education Gazette and we are working hard to fill these two positions. We will keep you updated when we have further news. We are happy to answer your questions but would request that you please give us some time to work through the process.

Want to become an expert in Chess? Or compete in the Sarapu Cup?

Join the NZ Chess Academy for the best chess training in NZ!

Our aim is to increase your chess rating by 200 points within a year. 4 different stages to suit all levels!

Come for a free trial so you can see how it all works.

View more details on the Chess Academy [Squad info page](#) or contact paul@chesspower.co.nz or phone 0800 4 CHESS.



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Mindfulness and Yoga at Richmond Road School - Te Kura o Ritimana

When: Thursdays afterschool at Richmond Road Primary, 3.05pm to 3:45pm

Where: Room 19 next to the bottom courts and opposite the hall

Course starts: Thursday March 1st.

The cost is \$140 for the 7 week course.

All funds benefit our charity work with marginalised youth.

The Kindness Institute specialises in mindfulness education and our students report a reduction in stress and anxiety, improved learning, confidence, sleep, focus, calm and compassion.

Mindfulness is being practiced in many schools and is an evidence based tool that can be used over a lifetime to reduce stress and anxiety (which isn't unique to adults) and support people's ability to flourish. Our program has been developed with long term outcomes in mind and is based on world leading models.

A main focus of our kaupapa is training the trainer; youth are empowered to teach mindfulness and yoga to their community. This model has been hugely successful and has seen our work having a much wider impact.

In this fun course, we explore mindfulness and yoga in a hands-on way through group and partner activities, play and arts in a non competitive environment. Students will learn about focus, calmness, gratitude, self love, stress management and yoga asanas.

The Kindness Institute program at Richmond Road school:

- All year levels are welcome in this course. No experience is necessary.
- The course is run by The Kindness Institute lead mindfulness teacher, Nikki Rhodes

Booking link:

https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/asp/main_enroll.asp?fl=true&tabID=8

(Booking info: When you sign up on mindbody following the link, enter The Kindness Institute, you will create your own account and from there you can choose which class you would like your child to attend. Click 'I am paying for someone else' and enter their name. If you are registering more than one child they need to be entered separately otherwise only one child is booked in.

By paying for the course your child is automatically signed up to all 8 classes)

www.thekindnessinstitute.com

Any questions please contact the Kindness Institute +64 21 248 33 65 | thekindnessinstitute@gmail.com or David david@richmondroad.school.nz

Chinese New Year 2018



Some of our families will have been celebrating Chinese New Year. We all wish you a Happy New Year 新年快乐

This year's zodiac animal is the dog - a loyal, kind, cautious and good natured animal. Did you know that during Chinese New Year, the largest annual human migration in the world occurs, with nearly 3 billion trips made in 2017?

Violin lessons available

There is one space available for a student 7 years or older to have violin lessons at Richmond Road School. Lessons take place on Thursday mornings. The teacher is Wilhelmina Broekhoff.

"I am an experienced teacher who has trained in Europe and has taught in New Zealand for over 20 years. I enjoy teaching all levels from beginners to LTCL.

Mst perf. violin, dip. teaching + orchestra."

Please contact Wilhelmina directly for further details. Tel: 418 4405 or 021 212 0866

School Policy review

This term's school policy review is:

- Home Learning – board members, staff, and parents

Log on via our website here: <http://richmondroad.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Log on/password: richmondroad/ritimana

NO MORE ROOM NUMBERS

With our Open Learning Environments, we stopped using room numbers. Please use the name / surname of your Ropu when ordering lunches [i.e The Nest KC; TWW, L'Envol L'A].

Thank you.



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Richmond Road School - Te Kura o Ritimana T Shirts - Pre purchase Orders Now Available

Dear parents and caregivers. Pre purchase orders are now available from the school office for our own school T Shirts.

The cost is \$30. If you would like to purchase please complete the form using the link below or pre purchase from the school office.

Payment will need to be made at the office before the closing date of Friday 9th March to secure your purchase confirmation.

Thanks for supporting this initiative.

<https://goo.gl/forms/7LKsGIUmQ3RO5Ff1>



Richmond Road School - Te Kura o Ritimana School Hats

Our community has the option of purchasing school hats. There is a choice of a bucket hat or an adjustable cap. The price is \$20 and these are now available from the school office.

A reminder that hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4.



Richmond Richmond School - Te Kura o Ritimana Honey - Now Available

A fresh batch of school honey is now available for sale. This is a multi-floral, raw honey that has not been filtered so it still has high traces of pollen in it. This means you are getting the benefits of a multitude of different flowers and helps create its unique taste. This honey is made from a co-operative of 12 schools that have hives on site, including our own.

A 500g pot of honey is \$10 and is available from our school office. All profits will go back into the maintenance of our school hives.

OPEN DAY INTERMEDIATE



OPEN DAY

St Paul's College, 183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby

Thurs 8th March 2018. Sessions - 9.30am & 1.45pm

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by tour

Enrolments for Years 7, 8 and 9
Building Men of Courage since 1955



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic School for Girls, Years 7-13



OPEN DAY

Wednesday,
7th March 2018
3pm – 6pm

- Special Character at Marist College... is real, pervasive and alive. *(Catholic Character Review Report)*
- Marist College continues to be a high performing school and provides high quality education for all students. *(Education Review Office Report)*
- Outstanding academic results.

31 Alberton Avenue, Mt Albert, Auckland 1025 | Phone 846 8311 | www.maristcollege.school.nz



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REMINDERS

CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE

Please update your phone number, email address or home address as soon as it changes. It is most important that we have your latest contact details.

OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT

The school office is open from Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 3.30pm during school time. The school office is closed on public holidays and school holidays.

You can contact Audrey for enrolment questions and general enquiries by phone at 09 376 1091 or by email at office@richmondroad.school.nz.

You can contact any teacher or Senior Leader by email using this format:
firstname@richmondroad.school.nz

For the Board of Trustees, please use the following email address: rrsbot@richmondroad.school.nz

BELL TIMES

Children can arrive from 8.30am onwards and school is from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Please make sure you have arranged collection of your child by 3.00pm.

Breaks: Morning tea is at 11.00-11.30am and lunch time is at 1.00-1.50pm.

LATENESS, ABSENCE AND APPOINTMENTS

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, 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.

ACTIVITY FEE AND CONSENT FORM FOR TRIPS

We encourage you to pay the Activity Fee of \$80.00 (per child per year) to ensure your child can participate easily in all EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) activities without having to pay separately for a trip (this covers 3 - 4 trips a year related to enhancing curriculum). This activity fee doesn't cover camp, or sports teams.

To make trip organisation easier for teachers, administration and parents, we ask for your generic consent for local trips. This consent for your child will remain in force as long as he/she is enrolled at this school. Please get in touch with the office to check if you are up to date with your forms.

Thank you for your cooperation.

STATIONERY

Your child's school stationery list requirements are uploaded online at myschool.co.nz/richmondroad. Simply select your child's Year Group lists and follow the instructions on the website. You can also pick up a paper copy of the stationery list from the office.

WATER ONLY SCHOOL

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

You can order at the lunch table (by the main office) or through web/mobile. You can ask the office if you have any questions.

Subway Ponsonby: You can order **every day at school** by dropping your Subway envelope in the Order box **before 9am on the day**. Please just make sure that the envelope has: the child's name, the unit and teacher, the money (Subway gives back the change if need be) and the detail of the order.

Pane and Vino: Lunches (pizza/pasta) from Pane & Vino can be ordered everyday **from EZ lunch**. Order by text or online from the online shop <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/>. See their website <http://www.ezlunch.co.nz> for more information.

You can also order Pane and Vino and Subway **with YQ**. This service is available **every day before 9.30am on the day**. You can access the website here www.yq.co.nz or download the mobile app.

Grato Café: The Italian café across the road is providing healthy lunches to our school. You can order **before 9am on the day** by filling an order with cash at our lunch table or popping in her café to pay by Eftpos.



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