



Te Kura O Ritimana

Richmond Road School

Growing Together As One

NEWSLETTER

Week 2 Term 2 | 9 May 2018

*Tena koutou e te whanau, he mihi nui kia koutou katoa
Kia ora, Talofa lava and Bonjour.
Welcome to Week 2 of Term 2.*

It was great to welcome all our new whānau, staff and returning children at our Whakataua on the first day of term where you see our School at its best as we are "growing together as one". It is always an exciting time for all, with recharged batteries looking forward to the new learning and challenges of the coming term. We also see the final stages of the renovation work on the 1884 building nearly complete. We intend to move in on Monday 28th May and prior to that, there will be an opening ceremony [please keep an eye out for a date and time. This will come out once confirmed with Ngāti Whātua]. We are thinking it may be next week on Friday.

Another task we are currently working on is what will replace National Standards and Ngā Whanaketanga Rumaki Māori as a way of **reporting to parents** and caregivers now that the Government has removed them from legislation and mandated reporting processes. This work is being led by Emma [Deputy Principal] and a team of teachers/kaiaiko. The team are keen to hear from parents/caregivers about your thoughts on what you would like to know about your child/ren when we report and this can be done by emailing Emma at emma@richmondroad.school.nz. Please get any feedback to the team by Friday 1st June 2018.

As you will know, I and another Principal are presenting a workshop at the International Conference on Thinking [cultivating mindsets for global citizens]. You can find the blurb about our talk here:

http://digitalcommons.fiu.edu/icot18/ICOT18/complete_calendar/15/ I am speaking about how the work we have been doing since 2015 around formative assessment practices has made a difference to teacher effectiveness and a child's ability to have agency over their own learning. While I am away [Monday 14th to Tuesday 22nd May] David will be Acting Principal for day to day contact but I am still available via email.

David over the April break attended the Reggio Emilia international study tour where he was able to see in action and reflect on the image of the child and the teacher, the notion of the environment as third teacher, the notion of pedagogy of listening, making learning visible through documentation, the role of the pedagogista and your role as a professional leader. David will write about this experience in an upcoming newsletter.

On some administration, we'd ask that the doors into the new linkway on Douglas Street not be used for entering or exiting the building. These doors are for emergency exit only but currently, the final fencing is not yet complete and we know it is tempting for these doors to be used. Once all the fencing is complete they will not be accessible for general use.

The swimming pool is now up and running and your child's teacher will advise you of the timetable/s. We do need helpers, so please see the relevant teachers for offers of help. We can't do this without your help. Thank you in advance.

Ngā mihi nui

Jonathan

TERM DATES 2018

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

Public holiday: Queen's Birthday 4th of June

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

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

Public holiday: Labour Day 22nd of October

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 10th May: **Inner City Swimming**

Monday 14th May to Friday 18th May: **BOOK WEEK and Fair***

Thursday 17th May: **Theatrical Thursday Book character parade***

Friday 18th May: **Pink Shirt Day – Anti-Bullying**

Friday 25th May: **Quiz Night ***

Thursday 31st May: **Inner City Cross Country**

Tuesday 29th May: **Treasure Hunt of Learning (Open Morning Whanau)** for KC, MiM and L'A [9:00 to 11:30am]

Thursday 28th June: **Inner City Rugby League**

Friday 6th July: **Last day of T2**

- Holidays-

Monday 23rd July: **Start of Term 3**

Wednesday 31st October to Friday 2nd November: **Year 5 and 6 school-wide camp** [Carey Park Adventure Camp, 397 Henderson Valley Rd Waitakere]

* More details in the following pages of this newsletter



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WELCOME

We would like to welcome our new students who started in T2 and their families:

- Welcome Aidan and Karizma.
- Bienvenue Maelee.
- Talofa lava Siena (welcome back)
- Tena koe Hinewai and Omaio

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

BOOK FAIR – 14th to 18th of May

As part of the Book week, the Book Fair is coming to the library next term in week three which is the 14th -18th May. There will be lots of fantastic books for our tamariki to buy, and 30% of the total we take, comes back to the school in the form of books. It is a great fundraiser for the library so please come and support it. Pop it in your diaries.

Thank you to the parents who have already offered to help Jo!

Many thanks in anticipation, Jo.

BOOK WEEK – 14th to 18th of May

In conjunction with the Book fair, we will be celebrating Book Week.

On **Thursday 17th** we will have a **Theatrical Thursday** Book Character Parade at 9.30am. Please all students dress up in your favorite book character and we will vote for the best costume on the day.

Thank you

NO MORE ROOM NUMBERS PLEASE

With our new Open Learning Environments, we stopped using room numbers.

Please use the name / subname of your Ropu when ordering lunches or for absence notification:

- Te Whanau Whariki (TWW)
- Mua I Malae (MiM)
- L'Archipel (L'A) – L'Envol or Le Nid
- Kiwi Connection (KC) – The Nest, The Village or The Hub

Thank you.

Welcome to Ashleigh our new learning assistant starting today. She will be helping in The Village.

TIRITI WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 16th May 2018 from 6-8pm [in the hall] we will be offering a limited number of places at a Tiriti o Waitangi workshop [learn more about the Tiriti in an engaging workshop run by an external consultant]. This is a repeat of the workshop offered last year [i.e., Pt one].

A part two workshop will run on Thursday 21st June from 6-8pm [in the hall]. This workshop will take you further into what the Treaty means and will build on the part one workshops from this year and last.

Please RSVP to office@richmondroad.school.nz.

It will be a first in first served process [with the ability for us to run another workshop if demand is there]...

SCHOOL POLICY REVIEW

This term's school policy review is: **Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement** – board members, staff, and parents

Log on via our website here:

<http://richmondroad.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Log on/password: richmondroad/ritimana

Walking to school day on Friday

The student council focus this year is road safety.

On Friday morning the student council will be at the Brown Street entrance and the crossing, looking for children who have walked, biked or scootered to school that day. They will be giving out a paper leaf to write their name on to put on the tree poster. In assembly names from the tree will be drawn and prizes given. The prizes have been provided by AT.

SCHOOL GATES

Hello all, a friendly reminder to please close any gate at school when either entering or exiting the site. We have noticed that the gates on Brown Street are both left open by nearly every person that uses them. They are there to keep our children safe and we'd appreciate your support with this. They don't self close due to the mechanisms being permanently broken by users, but the gates do close manually and lock. Thanks in advance.

The staff and students of RRS.

Biking to school and helmets

Please chat with your child to ensure that if your child is biking to school they need to wear a helmet. This is required by law as well as a health and safety issue. We want to keep everyone safe when biking to school.

Any issues please contact emma@richmondroad.school.nz



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For all your PTA stories/items we now have a PTA Page!
So keep tuned for all our activities and calls to action throughout the year!

Welcome back to Term 2! Hope your holidays were great and that the children are excited about being back at school! PTA members met for drinks on Thursday to put names to faces and to consolidate the great effort that has been going on in our school.

There is a strong consensus to move toward to formalise our PTA. We will provide information on this process in the coming fortnightly newsletter. Please go to the NZ PTA page to get more information in the interim: <http://www.nzpta.org.nz>

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR THE GREAT GATSBY QUIZ NIGHT!

EVENT DATE: FRIDAY 25th MAY
Doors open at 6:30pm.
Freeman's Bay Community Hall.

It's finally time to buy your tickets and organise your tables for the Richmond Road Great Gatsby Quiz Night.

Book through Kindo <http://kindo.co.nz/> within the next two weeks – a short and sweet window for purchasing tickets! ☺

- \$30 for a ticket only (nibbles and entertainment included)
- \$50 for a ticket AND pre-ordered main meal (by 21st of May)

With the ticket & meal options you can choose either Spaghetti Bolognese, Vegetarian Nachos or Thai Green Chicken Curry and Rice (options will be noted in Kindo).

STEP 1: Log into <http://kindo.co.nz/>

STEP 2: Choose and Click on The Gatsby Quiz Night

STEP 3: Choose your table and click on your 1920's Gangster

STEP 4: Click on Name of your child to add ticket to cart

- For \$30 option: Click Done
- For \$50 option: Click/Choose one of the \$20 meals options and Click Done
- For both options, please put your First Name and Last Name, Click Done

STEP 5: Check out/payment... It's party time!!!

Drinks and snacks (hot chips, fisherman's basket) can also be purchased at the bar. EFTPOS will be available. Please note this is a licensed event, so strictly R18.

Start brushing up on your trivia knowledge and organising your roaring 20s outfits! It is just under 3 weeks away, so please get in quick for your tickets.

We look forward to seeing you all, and your fabulous outfits on the evening.

GATSBY QUIZ NIGHT

Dress Code: The Great Gatsby
\$30 for a ticket | \$50 for a ticket & dinner
Table bookings available for up to 10 people
Cash Bar | Silent Auction | Raffles

MAY **25** 6:30 PM

Freemans Bay Community Hall
52 Hepburn Street, Auckland

BOOK AT RICHMOND ROAD SCHOOL ONLINE SHOP



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ORGANISING COMMITTEES

As you know, we have 2 fundraising organising committees for the PTA at present. They are the Quiz Nite and Gala committees. We just wanted to share some information about who is involved so that you can get to know them better!

QUIZ NITE

- **Anne** has a child in KC. She can juggle and loves Macaroni Cheese!
- **Juressa** had a child graduate from RRS last year and she still has 2 in TWW. Unlike everyone else, she doesn't like watermelon, tomato sauce or pineapple but likes seafood!
- **Frederique** has children in LA.
- **Michelle** has had children in KC for 6 years. She is "useless" in the mornings, even after 4 kids wake her up early every morning and has a *bit* of a sweet tooth for cakes and chocolate!!

GALA COMMITTEE

- **Severine** has been at RRS for 8 years with children in the French unit. She is passionate about our environment and one of her favourite foods is Kina!
- **Janey** has 2 children in TWW and she loves seafood.
- **Shadrane** has children MiM and **Emily** and **Michelle** have children in KC

DONATIONS FOR SILENT AUCTION – QUIZ NITE

If there are any parents /caregivers in the community that can help with donations for the silent auction prizes for the Great Gatsby quiz nite on 25 May, we would love to hear from you please in the next couple of weeks!

If you, the company you work for, or any other friends/contacts could be donors of prizes for our auctions, could you please contact any one of us at school if you see us, or by phone or email? Many thanks all!

PTA sub-committee for the Quiz Nite

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Frederique Abbott - frederique@smarteating.co.nz

Anne Lawson - annelawson74@hotmail.com

Juressa Lee - juressa@gmail.com

Turama Meha - tmeha@yahoo.com

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Never know what you want to do with your Air NZ airpoints? Well, now you can donate them to our school! Check it out here: <https://goo.gl/YBu9ak>



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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: rsbot@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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