



Te Kura O Ritimana

Richmond Road School

Growing Together As One

NEWSLETTER

Tena koutou e te whānau he mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Kia ora Talofa lava Greetings Bonjour

Welcome to week 7 of term 2, 2019

‘E tu Kahikatea, hei wakapae ururoa

Awahi mai, awahi atu, tatou, tatou e’

Kahikatea stand together; their roots intertwine, strengthening each other.

We all help one another and together we will be strong.

New students at our Kura:

Welcome to: Adeline Taylor Hano Maka

Ngā whetū o te wiki/Stars of the Week (Week 6 assembly recipients)

Cerise Barbas-Voillaume

Lilia Walters

Lola Sao

Dayton Panui

John Loyd Turua

Daneeka Fa’avae-Pilosi

Alarah Etuata

Gus Mount

Etta Brindle

Vika Hafoka

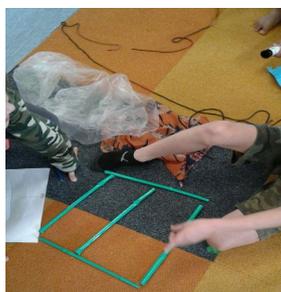
Tyler-James Palmer

Bill Dobson

Work shared from some of our rōpū

The Village:

In the Village we have been learning some things about Matariki- The Māori New Year. We have learnt that there is more than one myth about Matariki, but all myths are about the Matariki stars (also known as Pleiades) and that it is celebrated at different times, but always in the Winter months. We have also learnt that Manu Aute, or Manu Tukutuku (‘Kites’) are a part of Māori culture and we decided that we would get into our Inquiry groups and try and make one. We got together and did some planning, and then we have begun trying to put these together. We know that we may not be successful, but we can learn from the process. We were lucky to have some kind donations from our Village whanau, including bags of scrap material from Mile’s Mum Carly. We are very grateful for the items that we have had given to us. Below are some photos of what we have done so far.



Te Whānau Whāriki:

I te wiki tuarima o tēnei wāhanga i tūwhera maatou i ngā tatau o Te Whānau Whāriki, kia kite ai ngā whānau hou i te taiao me nga āhutanga o TWW.

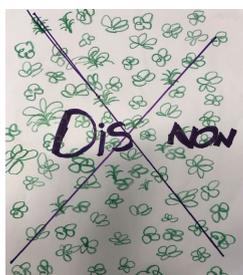
E mihi ana mātou ngā kaiako ki a Whaea Ana rāua ko Matua Darcy, nā kōrua a mātou manuwhiri i manaaki, i whakawhaanaunga atu kia mahana ai tā rātou noho ki waenganui i Te Whānau Whāriki, he mihi nunui ki a kōrua.

In week 5 we had our TWW open day. It was awesome to see prospecting whānau come along to check out Te Whānau Whāriki. The kaiako of TWW would like to thank whaea Ana and matua Darcy for coming to show our manuwhiri around, we really appreciate it. With the end of the term approaching please keep an eye out for pānui and emails about our upcoming trips and events.

L'Archipel:

After watching the video on rainforest destruction because of the development of the plantations of palm trees, the children were interested to find out where in the world those rainforests are and what they could do to help stop this process. We have shared the video made to draw the world's attention on the tragical destruction of the rainforests with all the children and their families, with an invitation to sign in the Greenpeace petition to the big companies to stop using palm oil in their production.

We have agreed as a class that the world would be still fine if we could decide to considerably reduce the use of products that contain palm oil as one of the ingredients. Children were surprised to find out the number of products that contain palm oil - we have made a long list of these and posters to raise the awareness of deforestation at our school.



Mua I Malae

E muamua ona ave le viiga i le Atua ona o lona alofa ma lona agalelei ia i tatou uma, ua mafai ona tatou aulia mai ai le vaiaso 7 lenei o le Kuata 2. Faamalo i la outou soosoo tauau mai i la matou galuega, aemaise le fesoasoani i tamaiti i a latou meaaoga o loo avatu ile fale. E muamua foi ona faafetai i Matua Atinae ona o le meaalofa na matou taulimaina e ala lea i le ata ua uma na faavaa ma upu faalaeiau mo i matou. Ua na o matou o auaua faatauvaa, e faia mea uma ona o le alolofa i fanau aemaise lo latou lumanai. Faafetai tele manatu mai.

This week is the Matariki week, so our classes have been learning how to greet in Maori and learn some simple words in Maori Language. Today, our Year 3-6 class have learned to say our pepeha in Maori and hopefully children are able to use it confidently to greet others. We have workbooks that children will bring home for homework.

The children have worked hard this term to study the importance of Maintaining and Sustaining our earth for future generations. We have watched videos about the effect of plastic pollutions on the ocean especially sea

animals. Fossil fuels also have a great impact on our environment, and so we are hoping that children are sharing what they have learned with you. One of the tasks children were doing was creating a poster to deliver the message of recycling, reusing and reducing waste we throw out. The best poster was created by Arizona, Solomona and Ally. Here it is:



Our Year 4-6 have been doing a research on Plastic Pollution, some of them have submitted their work, and still a few to be submitted. Faafetai mo galuega uma o lenei vaiaso

Other Important notices

Matariki School Disco Thursday 13th June (today)

Theme: Matariki Dress: Shine Like A Star

Cost is \$5 entry includes one slice of pizza. Cash only.

There will be extra slices of pizza for \$1, glow toys available for sale, Glow In The Dark Face Painting on the evening for \$2.

Year 0 (New Entrants) to Year 3 students: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Year 4 to Year 6: 6:45pm to 7:45pm

Please bring your own water bottle

Look forward to seeing you there. Let's get warm this winter by dancing the night away under the stars and celebrating Matariki together.

Message from FIFI, one of our piano teachers

I'm very pleased and excited to inform you that 24 pupils from Richmond Road School who do piano lessons with us will take part in our annual music competitions on Saturday 22 June 2019. This year we have 640 participants altogether. It is a big event for our music students. Contestants will be put in groups depending on the categories they enter. All students have been working very hard to prepare their pieces, and we even have a couple of new students also who just started to learn the piano from Term 1 but are very keen to participate already in the competitions.

Here are the names of our students:

Miri Harkness, Miriama Smith, Mila Jenks, Gretel Harvey-Smith, Ondine Harvey-Smith, Nina Schluter, Tommy Schluter, Jasmine Green, Liam Shipman, Theo Schwarcz, Jayan Ranchhodji, Teoden Carden, Coco Kora, Caitlin-Lily Wadge, Olivia Gibert, Zac Waple-Longhurst, Theo Mouscardes, Mila Pujol-Spencer, Yann Rose, Alphonse Tang, Nina Pau, Antoine Rabier, Manon Gilbert, Andrea Summers.

We are so grateful for the opportunity Fifi offers our students and for all the lovely baking she does for the staff as well! We are lucky to have her as part of our Te Kura o Ritimana community.

We wish all of our Richmond Road - Ritimana students and supporters all the best for their performance on Saturday 22nd June.

Education Review Office (ERO) Visit 24-27 June (Week 9 of Term 2)

We have a scheduled visit from the Education Review office later this term. This entails a team from ERO coming to see what is happening at our school and talking with our Board of Trustees, our staff, our community and our tamariki. We welcome ERO so they can see what wonderful things are happening at our kura and look forward to their recommendations in moving forward for our school.

As part of this review ERO would like to talk to parents about our kura. It would be great to hear from any parents who would be interested in being available to talk with ERO, one afternoon during that week. We would like to have parent representatives from all our rōpū. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact the school office and we will be in touch to confirm details and availability.

Board of Trustee Elections

The results will be shared with our community shortly. We thank all our nominated candidates for putting their names forward. We also thank and acknowledge our current board for all their time and commitment to our school community over the past 3 years:

Peter Coats	Steve Maskell	Lila Vagana	Jozie Sharpe	Kieran Fouhy
Troy Mills	Heidi Mackey	Collene Roche		

Property Update

We will be soon starting the next phase of our property development early in term 3. This involves our admin area, including our school office, our Principal and DP offices, the sick bay and the main resource room relocating to another area of the school. We will be starting this relocation near the end of the term. We will be updating the community as we receive and confirm more information from the property development team.

Shoes and wet weather gear

We encourage children to wear footwear when outside at playtime and lunchtime as there have been numerous children at the office with minor foot injuries and it is getting colder. As the weather gets cooler please ensure your children are dressed appropriately to keep them warm and dry during the school day.

Updating of email addresses, home addresses and phone numbers for whānau

Please send any updates of your contact information to the school office. This is very important as we need to be able to contact you at any time and so that we know that you are receiving ongoing information about the school and any events that are coming up for our community.

Important dates coming up in term 2

Thursday 13th June - Matariki Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 13th June - Matariki Disco

Friday 14th June - 9.30 am - 2.30 pm - Ngā Manu Kōrero Competition - TWW Seniors

Monday 17th June - 6.00pm - The Hub - Professor Stephen May - Bilingual/Immersion research

Wednesday 19th June - Zoo Trip - The Hub

Monday 24th-27th June - ERO visit

Friday 5th July - Final day of term - 1.00pm finish

Term 3, week 2 - Reporting to parents (Dates and times to come)

Tumuaki Thursdays with parents

It can be challenging to be available to parents, when requested, as school is a busy place for all staff. As the principal I will be making myself more available each week so that there is an opportunity for more time to talk to parents and our community as this is an important part of our school and mantra of 'Growing together as One'. 'Tumuaki Thursdays' will be every Thursday in Term 2 and will be between 1.00-4.00pm where my schedule will be cleared to meet with parents and community members. If you would like to make a time please contact office@richmondroad.school.nz and they will confirm a 15-minute or 30-minute allocated slot. I realise this time and day will not suit everyone and I will still try and make time outside of this day/time but I am hoping this gives more accessibility and space for kōrero with our community.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jacqui Tutavake
Tumuaki/Principal

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.

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.

Richmond Road School Hats



Our new school hats are on sale. There is a choice of a bucket style or cap. The cost is \$20. Hats are compulsory for all children during playtime, lunchtime and all outdoor activities in terms 1 and 4. Please ensure your child has a labelled hat to wear at school each day. Alternatively you could buy one of our school hats from the office.

Teaching Staff and Emails

At Richmond Road - Ritimana we value the use of email to as a way of arranging meeting times with parents, colleagues, organising school events such as sporting tournaments and to share information about class events and learning. We never want to forget the value of face to face 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 your child's teacher. As per standard business practice a response can be expected within 48 hours or two working days during the hours of 8.00am-5.00pm excluding weekends. Thank you

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 Paola 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

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.