



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 5 of Term 3, 2020*

***'E tu Kahikatea, hei wakapae ururoa***

***Awhi mai, awhi atu, tatou, tatou e'***

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

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

Richmond Road School Values

Aim High

Compassion and Empathy

Bravery and Resilience

Educational Achievement

Togetherness and Inclusiveness

Respect for Others, Self and the Environment

We hope your week has started well with a lot of parents working from home and having your children with you as well. We have some children on site during level 3 and staff who are supporting us with the School bubble. We are glad we can support those whānau who need it at this time and appreciate that some of our staff are teaching and supporting tamariki from school and from home. We will have a newsletter this week and next week while in level 3 and hopefully be into level 2 by Thursday 27th August, all going well. The Prime Minister and cabinet will be reviewing the current status on Friday 21st August so may give a preview to what is coming then. In the meantime there are a few updates in this week's newsletter. We will share what our tamariki and rōpū have been doing during level 3 in our next newsletter.

#### Support for our community

We understand that at this time that there are families who are having challenges, not just working from home and assisting with the education of your children but also financial, wellbeing and other challenges. If there is any way we can help please contact your child's teacher, the office, our senior management team directly or anyone from our kura you may feel comfortable to talk to further. We are also offering this support to our staff as part of supporting our school community. We will be able to apply for certain assistance through the Ministry of Education so please do not hesitate to contact us and talk through some services that we can try and access for members of our school community.

#### Welcome to our new students

Charlotte Vickery, Charlotte Luraine

#### Important dates coming up

Thursday 20th August	- School closed - Level 3 children only - Home Learning
Friday 21st August	- School closed - Level 3 children only - Home Learning (No ToD)
Monday 24th August	- School closed - Level 3 children only - Home Learning
Tuesday 25th August	- School closed - Level 3 children only - Home Learning
Wednesday 26th August	- School closed - Level 3 children only - Home Learning

### Teacher Only Day

We have postponed our Teacher Only Day from this Friday until later this term. Although there was an option of an online version the Maths professional learning and development is best done at school with the facilitator. The postponement also allowed us to have a full week of the level 3 teaching programme with our tamariki as Teacher Only Days do not require Teachers to provide a programme for the day. Teacher Only Days are important for teachers for new initiative and Ministry document implementation, up-to-date teaching approaches and other curriculum development. This is especially pertinent now with the pandemic and ongoing changes and adaptations that are currently taking place in our Education system. A reference to our NZEI union outcome last year is below about the new Teacher Only Day Accord. We will let you know the new date as soon as possible and will update the online school calendar.

*Accord Teacher Only Days for primary settings (June 2019):*

*Arising from the recent employment agreement negotiations for the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement, the Primary Principals' Collective Agreement, the Area School Teachers' Collective Agreement and the Area School Principals' Collective Agreement it was agreed that any one principal or teacher is entitled to a maximum of 8 teacher only days to be used during the current collective agreement and without effect to the half days at school for the year.*

### Carey Park Adventure Camp for Year 5 and 6 Postponement

As you would have expected we will not be going ahead with the Year 5 and 6 camp next week but we were able to find another date which was very fortunate in term 4. The new dates are Monday 9th November - Wednesday 11th November in Week 5 of term 4. Although we want all our Year 5 and 6 students to attend camp we will have further kōrero with parents as some whānau may be anxious about their children attending camp at all this year. We will be in touch with those parents who have offered their time to recheck about availability and the days/times that we had allocated. We will review the schedule for the 3 days and the ratios needed for the activities and then be in touch by early next week. Thank you for all of your support with this as we did not want to cancel this opportunity for our children. We hope Aotearoa is in a better position next term and we are able to take our tamariki. We will have to cancel if these dates coincide with continuing Level changes and COVID-19 cases.

### N4L - Safety for children's devices from home

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that our free safety filter is available to help protect ākonga from the worst of the web while they are learning from home.

FREE N4L safety filter for all students

Parents can set up the filter on their child's learning devices from home. Clear instructions on how to do this can be found at [www.switchonsafety.co.nz](http://www.switchonsafety.co.nz)

The free N4L safety filter (by global cyber-security leader, Akamai) blocks websites containing known cyber threats like phishing scams, malicious content and viruses, while also protecting children from content inappropriate for young eyes (like adult sites).

Please remember that technology is not a silver bullet and the filter is best used in combination with Netsafe's online parent safety toolkit.

### Bilingual French-English Unit at Kowhai Intermediate

Frenz is pleased to announce that the 2021 enrolments for the Bilingual French-English unit at Kowhai Intermediate School (Auckland) are open!

<https://www.kowhai.school.nz/enrol>

Kowhai Intermediate is currently in the process of amending their enrolment scheme that would enable out-of-zone children to apply specifically for the French Bilingual programme. The school is confident that the new unit will go ahead. To enable the school to plan, they are receiving applications for the Kowhai French Bilingual programme and would appreciate receiving applications before their out-of-zone cut-off-date

Wednesday 2nd September. Strictly speaking, the cut-off date does not apply to the Kowhai French Bilingual Program for 2021 and the enrolment option will remain active after that date.

We are excited about this new programme for our French students and families and thank the parents and FRENZ for all the work to get this off the ground in 2021. We are fortunate that the bilingual pathways for our students and families in our Māori, Samoan and French units are continued at Kowhai Intermediate.

### Auckland City Mission - Tahi Can Rua Can - Week 7 - 31st August - 4th September - Kai Drive



Our Student Council - Kura Kaunihera are proud to announce our annual *Tahi Can Rua Can* non-perishable Ritimana community food donation event for 2020. This will be taking place during Week 7 of this term. This date has changed considering the Level status changing in Auckland. The class collections will be Monday to Thursday. All food donated will be collected by the Auckland City Distribution Centre on behalf of *The Auckland City Mission* during early week 8

Non-perishable items include the following in cans: vegetables, pulses, soup, fish and fruit. Packets of pasta, pasta sauces and rice. Spreads such as Vegemite and peanut butter. These items will help form Food Parcels for those in need in our community.

Our kura and tamariki will be practicing our School Values of *Compassion and Empathy* and *Togetherness and Inclusiveness* during this time.

If you are able to contribute please do so and thank you. Items will be collected in classrooms during the week. You are also welcome to drop these to our school office.

Ngā whanaungatanga, The Student Council - Kura Kaunihera

### Other Important notices

#### 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.

#### School Photos: Thursday, 3 September 2020

Class and sibling photos will be taking place on Thursday, 3 September. Sibling photo forms will be available to collect from the school office from 24 August.

#### Tumuaki Time with parents and community in Term 3 2020 via Zoom or phone during Level 3

I will still be making myself 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 Time' will be every Tuesday in Term 3 and will be between 12.00-3.00pm 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](mailto:office@richmondroad.school.nz) and they will confirm a 15-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.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jacqui Tutavake  
Tumuaki/Principal

## Community notices

# Parent Social 18th September 2020

**Parents save the date**  
**Name - Springtime Social**  
**RSC Grey Lynn, 1 Francis Street Grey Lynn**  
**Dress Code - party**  
**Maximum 150 tickets allowed at the venue**  
**Tickets are available on Kindo**  
**Cost of ticket - \$15 each**  
**Max tickets per person 10**  
**No meal option, but meals available to order at the venue**  
**Cash bar exclusive to our function - Koha Jar at bar**  
**Finish by 12:30am**  
**DJ Alan on tunes**

### **The Richmond Road Canopy Project Fundraiser:**

#### **Save the Date**

Join us for an exciting weekend opportunity to visit Gibbs Farm to help raise funds for the Richmond Road Canopy Project, on Saturday 14th November.

The celebrated Gibbs Farm is an expansive open-air sculpture park located in the beautiful Kaipara Harbour, north of Auckland. The farm is rarely open for the public to visit. This fundraising day is a special opportunity for people to visit a unique collection of artworks by renowned sculptors from NZ and around the world. The farm is also home to numerous exotic animal species, including Bison, Emus and Giraffes.

100% of the money raised goes directly towards the canopy project. This is a great way to donate to school and have a day out. More details to come out in a separate email next week.

Canopy Committee

Richmond Road School Office

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