



Kia Ngakau Mahaki  
Kia Ako, Kia Tupu

Rhode Street School  
Hamilton's Family School  
Years 0-8

Te Wahanga Tuarua – Akomanga Rima  
Term Two Newsletter, 2010



*Kia ora Koutou !*

I hope that term 2 finds you all well and ready for a busy and challenging term 2. We have a lot of exciting events happening in term 2. So please keep this newsletter on your fridge to remind you of up and coming events and return the slip on page two.

**THANK YOU to all whanau who were able to make it to last terms Student Led Conferences. It was fantastic to meet new parents and old whanau to see what their tamariki have been learning in our class. For whanau who didn't make it, I will contact you (or you could contact me) to arrange a time for you to come and visit with your child to celebrate their learning.**

This term we have some exciting events happening, such as Swimming, Numeracy evenings which are awesome opportunities to participate in.

**Swimming: Kaukau**

Tamariki will have the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons to improve their swimming skills. These lessons will be in week 11. The cost is yet to be confirmed but I will send a notice as soon as I know. Feel free to start payments towards the swimming to cut down costs over the weeks leading up to swimming time. The cost of the lessons covers transports to and from Te Rapa pools for the week and the swimming lessons conducted by professional life guards. It is **IMPORTANT**, for our tamariki to take part in this programme as they learn skills in swimming and water safety.

**Numeracy evenings: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Session 3, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Session 4**  
5 pm for sausage sizzle, 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm for learning session.

Child minding in the Media centre.

All welcome, no matter if you have missed previous sessions.

Lots of fun games and ideas for helping your child's learning at home.

**Queens Birthday: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Public holiday – No school on this day.

**STUDENT LED CONFERENCES: Week Nine: (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2-7 pm and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 3-6 pm).** An invitation will be sent home later in the term.

**Mahi Kainga—Home Learning**

Mahi kainga is an important part of your child's learning. Everything on the sheets are activities from subjects learnt within the week. Mahi kainga is to consolidate what your child has learnt at school. It is also to prepare our tamariki for when they head to high school. All tamariki are to complete mahi kainga every week. It is important, as their parents, whanau or guardian, you ensure your child has completed the worksheet ready to return on the due day. If mahi kainga is incomplete there will be a suitable consequence put in place. This term Mahi kainga will be handed out on Monday afternoon. tamariki will hand in their mahi, in a fortnights time on the Friday for whole class marking. No reira whanau, kia kaha!

**Technology** is a compulsory subject for all year 7 & 8 tamariki to attend every fortnight.. Tamariki learn various technological skills such as food technology, biotechnology, wood craft and other technologies. This term technology will be on weeks 1, 3, 5, 7,9 &11. It is a good learning experience for tamariki. The cost of technology is \$20.00 a term payments for outstanding amounts are due to Aunty Winnie as soon as possible.

## Nga Kaupapa mo tenei wahanga: Term 2's work

**Te Reo Maori:** We have a variety of kaupapa this term. In relation to Anzac day we will be looking at the Maori Battalion letting the tamariki explore the journey of our Maori people who went over and fought in the wars for our country. Our topics for Te Reo Maori will be questioning, feelings, grammar and sentence structures.

**Pangarau— Mathematics:** In Pangarau, we are learning about measurement in position orientation and shape, along with, Numeracy knowledge and strategies. I would like to encourage tamariki to learn their timestables from their 1's to their 12's. Kia kaha !

**Pānui—Reading:** Tamariki will be reading in English and Maori. The focus in reading will be to improve reading fluency and comprehension of text. Each child has reading test to provide a suitable reading programme to enhance areas where your child needs assistance in. As part of mahi kainga tamariki will be encouraged to read on a daily basis to improve their reading skills and strategies. Tamariki need to be reading at least 15– 20 minutes after school. Feel free to ask your child about what they are reading.

**Tuhituhi & Te Reo—Writing & Language:** Recount writing is the genre we will be learning this term. Tamariki will learn to write about their personal experiences including detailed expression and various language features. Handwriting and spelling will be areas that we will focus on during class and as part of mahi kainga.

**Inquiry learning:** Our Enviro-schools kaupapa will be continuing on. Our garden now has carrots, silverbeet and tomatoes. We are still monitoring the growth of kai in our Maara kai. We will also be looking at Matariki— The Maori New Year linking with the seasons of autumn and winter. We will keep you posted.

**Thanks to all whanau who supported us for the kai festival. We raised \$603.00. You will hear in due time how we are going to spend our money. It will be either towards a class trip or class equipment for our learning. Keep posted ! :-)**

As you can see we have a very busy term, kaua e wareware (don't forget) our classroom is **always** open for whanau to come in and see what our tamariki are learning. If you have any problems or questions, please do not hesitate to come and korero to me or you can contact me via school cellphone on 021968769. No reira whanau ma, Nau mai, haere mai, We would love to see you. Please return the acknowledgement slip attached as soon as possible.

Naku noa Whaea Tish :-)

### Important Dates: Term Two, 2009

Week One: Monday: Technology  
Week Two:  
Week Three: TECHNOLOGY for Yrs 7-8  
Week Four : Numeracy Evening  
Week Five: TECHNOLOGY for Yrs 7-8  
Week Six:  
Week Seven: TECHNOLOGY for Yrs 7-8  
Week Eight: Queens Birthday long weekend (Monday) Wed-1:30 Matariki celebration  
Week Nine: TECHNOLOGY for Yrs 7-8  
>Student Led-conferences—Tues & Thurs  
Week Ten: Winter sports—Tuesday  
Room 5—Hui-a-kura  
Week Eleven: Whole school swimming

If any changes I will contact whanau as soon as possible

