

RHODE STREET SCHOOL

Everyone Growing and Respecting a Quality Learning Whanau

Principal's Korero

Naumai haere mai te whanau and welcome to week six, term one here at Rhode Street School.

I hope you all had the opportunity to celebrate **National Children's Day** yesterday with your tamariki, mokopuna and whanau. I was encouraged to see so many of our whanau out and about having fun and sharing in activities provided by the Hamilton City Council around town. It was also very encouraging to see 17 of our whanau represented at our Maths Workshop last Wednesday evening. Becoming actively involved in our children's learning is a very valuable gift we can give them and often all it costs is a little of our time.

Our next **Maths Evening** is on **Wednesday 17th March** starting at 5.00 pm with a free sausage sizzle. Please come along to learn strategies for supporting your children with their numeracy while having lots of fun. A crèche is provided free of charge and the whole evening should be over by 6.30 pm.

Our **Kai Festival** is on **Wednesday 24th March** starting at 4.30 pm. Hangi tickets are now available for this event from the school office at \$10.00 each. There will only be pre-sales for the hangi, so please don't leave it to the last minute as numbers are limited. The Kai Festival will have a total of 12 stalls selling freshly made kai to the public such as: steamed mussels, mussel fritters, boil-up, corn fritters & salsa, fresh tomato soup & rolls, home-made pies, cakes & slices, savory muffins and "beetroot chips", fresh fruit salad & yoghurt, juice, pizza, hot corn on the cob, sandwiches and popcorn. Several raffles will also be running on the evening as well as live entertainment from our students and community members. This is our one big annual fund raiser so we need your support and that of your extended whanau. Eftpos and cash sales only please.

Out of Zone 2010 Enrolments

The Board of Trustees invites application from any out of zone parents interested in enrolling their child(ren) who are or will turn five years old before 31st August 2010.

Rhode Street School has an enrolment scheme to avoid over crowding. The Rhode Street School Board of Trustees have determined there are 12 places for children turning five or who are five years of age who reside outside the school's home zone.

Interested out of zone parents considering Rhode Street School as an option for the placement of your child(ren) are invited to contact the school's office on (07) 8477245 or email winnie@rhodestreet.school.nz for an out of zone enrolment package.

Applications for a 2010 "out of zone" place must be received by 19th April 2010. All participants will be contacted regarding the outcome of a ballot (if required).

Board of Trustee Elections will be held on May 7th by postal ballot. Nominations for Parent Trustees will be called for shortly and you are encouraged to stand for this important role in our school. Information on the whole process is available from our Returning Officer: Winnie Pasene at the school office.

National Standards: A flyer explaining what National Standards are and what they will mean to you as parents is enclosed with this news letter. Please read it and if you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher at our pending **student led conferences** on Tuesday 30th March and Wednesday 31st March here at school.

Thank you to parents and whanau who are making a huge effort to send their children to school in the correct school uniform, having had breakfast, a good nights rest, homework up to date, and ready to learn. Recent media reports about the high truancy rate among NZ schools (30,000 a day) are a major concern for all of us.

Here at Rhode Street School we take **unexplained absenteeism** (truancy) very seriously and have several policies in place to address this issue when and if it arises. Please contact the school via phone, txt, email, written note, or in person if your child is going to be absent from school because of illness, family bereavement, or crisis on the day they are absent. We employ a truancy service to visit homes if parents fail to notify the school of any absenteeism and refer repeat offenders through our Deputy Principal to the NZ Police and the ROCK-ON Team to follow up.

Have a wonderful week whanau

Shane Ngatai
Principal and Proud of it

Welcome to our school:

Zahkya Edmonds-Beach & Jakieta Klenner Room 9.

Rhode Street School Sustainable Kids Before & Afterschool Care.:

Do you need before or after school care? We have a sustainable kid's programme that is available before school from 7.30 – 8.30am with breakfast provided and after school care from 2.30 – 5.30pm with afternoon tea provided. The programmes are available full or part time and are WINZ subsidised and Oscar affiliated. If you are interested or would like more information contact the office 8477245 or Pat 021 968753.

Rhode Street School Uniform:

When purchased all articles of clothing are named, please check that the names remain clearly printed on all articles of clothing and please ensure footwear is named clearly as well. There are a few items of uniform clothing already in the lost property, please come in and check if they belong to your children.

Parents Gardening Group:

For those parents who have been able to make the time to attend this gardening group, Mr Kerr is now back and the next class is tomorrow morning 10 am till 12pm.

Science Roadshow Trip:

This trip is limited to the first 40 students who send the \$10 fee and permission slip to school. There are only 10 spaces available.

School Banking with the credit union:

Remember Tuesday is banking day, the books are collected around 9:00 am and returned Wednesday, applications to open an account for your children are available from the school office.

Week 6 – 8 th -12 th March	
Tuesday 9 th	Technology - <i>please check students have correct covered footwear.</i>
Friday 12 th	Science Roadshow – 9:00 till 11:00 am
	Assembly Room 4
Week 7 – 15 th –19 th March	
Wednesday 17 th	Maths Evening 4:30 – 6:30pm
Friday 19 th	Assembly Room 7
Week 8 -22 nd -26 th March	Dental Caravan in school
Tuesday 23 rd	Technology - <i>please check students have correct covered footwear.</i>
	BOT Meeting in Tane Mahuta 4:00pm
Wednesday 24 th	Kai Festival 4:30 till 6:30 pm
Thursday 25 th	Duffy role model assembly 11:30am
	Balloons over Waikato visit 1:30 pm
Friday 26 th	Vision & Hearing technician in school
	Assembly Room 5
Week 9 – 29 th March-1 st April	
Tuesday 30 th	Student led conferences 2:00 – 7:00pm. School closes 2:00pm
Wednesday 31 st	Student led conferences 2:30 – 6:00pm
Thursday 1 st April	Assembly Room 11
	Last day of term – school re-opens 19 th April
Friday 2 nd April	Good Friday (Aunty Winnies favourite day of the year-Easter egg day!)

Community News:

Fraser Tech Junior Rugby Club - Weigh-In/Registration day At Clubrooms, Cnr Norton Rd & Mill St Please bring copy of your birth certificate if you are a new player For further information, please contact Tony Shadrock -8476472 (evening)	Sunday, 14 th of March at 12:00pm until 2:00pm Returning and new players 4 to 12 yrs welcome.
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Your local rugby club, Frankton Junior Rugby Club, invites all players interested in playing rugby to attend the Registration & Weigh In Day on Sunday 7 th March between 2pm to 4pm at the Frankton Clubrooms on Rifle Range Road. The 4 to 6 year olds (Under 6 & 7 grades) play ripper rugby, new players please bring a birth certificate or proof of age. Frankton Junior Rugby is one of Waikato's largest and strongest junior rugby clubs with a proud history, for further information please contact Greg Schmidt at 021 795 125 or 843 8879 (a/h).
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