

# RHODE STREET SCHOOL

*Everyone Growing and Respecting a Quality Learning Whanau*

**Principal's Korero**

Kia ora te whanau and welcome to week nine, term two, 2010 here at Rhode Street School.

## **Reporting on Student Progress and Achievement**

This week we report back to you as parents and whanau on the progress your child is making here at school with their reading, writing and numeracy.

These reports are aligned against the NZ Curriculum's National Standards and have been moderated by the teaching staff here at Rhode Street School.

Each teacher has had the responsibility of placing where they believe your child to be against these standards. This is known as the OTJ or overall teacher judgment. These judgments are taken from a variety of assessments completed over the past six months here at school. They include student conversations held between the teacher and your child about their learning and understanding; the observations made by teachers of the processes your child is using to problem solve, strategize and critically think; and formal diagnostic assessments in reading, writing and numeracy (which they will explain further at our Student Led Conferences this week).

## **Student Led Conferences**

I say this every term, "It is critical that you attend with your child" to support their learning and development. This term you will co-construct the "*How we can help at home*" part of the written report. Together with your child, their teacher and you, a partnership will exist in how all of us will support what is being learnt in class at home.

The written report will be handed to you at our Student Led Conferences and this is when you will work with the teacher and your child to set down the next learning steps at home.

Remember conferences start at 2.00 pm on Tuesday (this week) and finish at 7.00 pm; and start at 2.45 pm on Thursday (this week) and finish at 6.00 pm. No appointment is necessary and if you can not make it during these times, your child's teacher will be contacting you to arrange another time as soon as possible.

## **All Blacks vs Wales Letter Writing Competition**

I am holding a letter writing competition this week for all students aged 8 and above to go into the draw to be one of 15 lucky students who will accompany me to the test match on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Thank you to Adidas and the Kids Can Trust for making this opportunity possible.

Students have until Friday morning to write to me and tell me why they should be considered and what they will gain from the experience. They also have to assure me that they have your support in dropping them off and picking them up from school on the big day. (4.00 pm and 10.00 pm)

## **Swimming Lessons**

These start next week for all students who have booked and paid for their 20 lessons. Thank you for enrolling your child in this life skill programme, one that they will thank you for in years to come. You have until this Thursday to book a place and pay for it if you have not done so.

## **Technology Fees Years 7 and 8**

We have nearly 20 students who will not be attending tomorrow because their fees have not been paid to the school for term 2. We have to pay Ngaruawahia Primary School for this service each term and will not operate as a lending institution; therefore it is your child who misses out. To those whanau who have set up automatic payments etc, thank you for supporting your child and their learning.

Have an awesome learning week whanau.

Mauriora

Shane Ngatai

*Principal and Proud of it.*

### **Welcome to our school:**

Izayah Wheki Rm 7 and Lizaye Wheki Rm 9.

### **School Swimming:**

Week 10 and Week 11. 21<sup>st</sup> June till 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The price for 10 swimming lessons and transportation to and from the pool is \$30.00 per child. Please get the money to the office along with permission slips by Thursday as swimming starts Monday.

### **School Uniforms:**

There are about 10 school jerseys in the lost property bin outside Mrs McGregors office. Please come in and check if your child's lost jersey is amongst these. Children will say "yes mum I have checked" but you must know 5 times out of 10 they have been too busy playing with their friends and not looked for their jerseys.

### **Student Led Conferences:**

This will be your child's/children's 1<sup>st</sup> progress report aligned to the National Standards, it is critical that you attend to insure the next learning steps for your child are written in consultation with you *the parent*. Please remember that school will be closing at 2:00pm Tuesday and 2:30pm Thursday.

***The Media Centre will be open during Student Led Conferences. Drop in and check out the new books that are available for students and family borrowing. If you haven't already joined our library as a family member – join now – it's as easy as completing a very short form. Then you can choose books for the whole family.***

### **Rhode Street School Holiday Programme:**

A notice is coming home to students enrolled in the Sustainable Kids After school programme, please fill this out and send back to school. There are places for students outside the programme, wanting to attend the Holiday Programme. Please fill out an enrolment form, from the school office.

Week 9	14 <sup>th</sup> June – 18 <sup>th</sup> June
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Technology for yr 7 & yr 8s
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Student Led Conferences – 2:15 till 7:00 pm School closes at 2:15 pm.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Student Led Conferences - 2:30 till 6:00pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	1:45 pm Assembly – room 5
Week 10	21 <sup>st</sup> June – 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Swimming starts today
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Winter Sports for Yr 4- Yr 8
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	BOT Meeting – Media Centre 5:00pm – all welcome
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	1:45 pm Assembly – Room 7
Week 11	28 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Technology for Yr 7 & 8s
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	1:45 pm Assembly – Last day of the term.

Our school is participating in the CSP (Community Software Plan) featuring great value bundles of the new-to-CSP

Computer Classroom at Home series. Each bundle contains 4 titles (Maths, English, Reading & Spelling) for a specific age group. Many students at our school have benefited from EdAlive software in the past. Through the CSP parents can purchase a bundle for only \$37.95 (usually \$99 for all 4 titles). That's over **60% OFF**.

Please consider making an investment. As part of the Plan our school will receive a **FREE Unlimited School Site Licence** for the Edalive software title of our choice. If we receive a strong response from families we will also receive an **additional FREE Unlimited School Site Licence**. Return your orders to the school by xx/xx/xx. The leaflet has been handed out with this newsletter.



Parent <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F3Q2D6Y>

All you have to do is complete the survey online. Don't have access to a computer? Come in and use one at school. We have a number of family passes to the Zoo, Waterworld and the Museum that you will go into the draw to win. When you complete this travelling to school survey. Staff and parents are eligible, students have a paper copy.