

RHODE STREET SCHOOL

Everyone Growing and Respecting a Quality Learning Whanau

Principal's Korero

Naumai haere mai te whanau and welcome to week 5, term 2, here at Rhode Street School.

Last week I was the guest of **Ngati Porou** at Pakirikiri Marae in Tokomaru Bay on Tuesday. It was there that I shared our learning journey as a school with our healthy eating and healthy action. It was a privilege to talk about what we are achieving as a school and how involved our wider community is with our student's learning and well-being.

This week I travel to Wellington on Friday to attend the National **Out of School Care Conference** for the weekend to share what works well in our extended services programme (Sustainable Kids) and learn what we can do to improve the service we provide to three schools as well as our own.

Professional development is a key component in ensuring our staff and students receive the appropriate learning and teaching strategies that meet the needs of our school community. Our staff have been actively involved in the National Standards professional learning being offered by the Ministry of Education and this will continue all term.

Recently the school leadership team has had to deal with a number of **issues that have originated outside of the school** (mainly during the weekends) where our students are making some poor choices, associations or both. Whilst it is our responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for everyone here at Rhode Street School, we have noticed an increase in the amount of time and resources we are putting into issues that should be dealt with, in the first instance, the whanau involved, and then (if progress can not be made) with the police. I am encouraging all whanau to contact the police immediately if their child has been threatened either verbally or physically by anyone out of school hours, so that we can ensure it will be dealt with appropriately and swiftly.

Swimming starts again in weeks 10 and 11 and parents have been asked to pay the \$30.00 for the ten lessons and to subsidize transporting our students to and from the Hamilton Aquatic Centre in Te Rapa. This is an important opportunity for your child to receive 10 quality swimming lessons by qualified instructors who will assess and determine what each child needs. Groups are limited to no more than ten per instructor and each lesson lasts 40 minutes in the pool. We will offer a follow up 10 lesson course later in the year.

This Friday is **Wacky Hair Day** to raise funds for the Westpac Air Ambulance Service. The Student Council have organised this event and ask that every student come to school on Friday with a wacky hair style and a gold coin donation for the cause. This is an annual event which Rhode Street School has supported for a number of years because you never know when you may need their services as well as, it is our small way of giving back to our community.

We have a group of **students building robots** in the school at the moment as part of a lunch time activity. Their final project will be to construct a 3.5 metre recycled robot in the school grounds over the next few weeks. You can follow their progress on their blog site: <http://rhodestreetrobots.blogspot.com/>

The **Board of Trustees** meet next Tuesday the 25th May at 54.00 pm in Tane Mahuta. This will be the first meeting of the new board and a chance to review what has been achieved over the past three years and plan for where to next. You are most welcome to attend and observe.

Have an awesome week

Shane Ngatai
Principal and Proud of it

Welcome to our school:

Mark Odium, Noah Pou, Waiheruata Houia & Connor Paynter all in Room 9. Te Oronga Reeve R5 & Brian Reeve R3.

School Photos:

These will be taken on Monday 31st May. Please send payment in the envelopes provided. The school does not process these payments, so a cheque or cash must be inserted in the sealed envelope, eftpos not an option.

BOT Election:

The 5 duly appointed Board of Trustees members for the next 3 years are Lex Kemara, Michelle Deakin, Milton Ngaruhe, Pakewa Watene & Taniya Kemara. The BOT Staff member is Sarnia Pou.

Caught being good:

Tamath Deakin & Elijah Walker-Roberts rm 2, Kelani Scott rm 3, Richard Marsh, Taiawhiu Paora, Aroha Herewini rm 6, Vanessa Haumate rm 8, Brigham Elkington, Sundos Dawood & Tina Hille-Taylor rm 10, Luanne Butler R11.

School lunches:

Please note-The kitchen will not be open **this Friday** so there will be no lunch orders available.

After school playing:

If your child should come home with a friend, please ring the parents of the child to check that the parents know of their child's whereabouts. The children will always say yes my mum knows where I am, but 9 times out of 10 they don't! Think how you would feel if the roles were reversed.

Naming of school uniforms:

When items of school uniform are made from the school office, all items are named, if the names on your child's school uniform should become too light to read due to washing, please come and ask for the articles of clothing to be renamed especially *the polar fleece jerseys!*

Week 5	17 th May – 21 st May 2010
Tuesday 18 th May	Technology for yr 7 & yr 8s
Friday 21 st May	Rhode Street School Café (kitchen) is closed, NO lunch orders
Friday 21 st May	1:45 pm Assembly – room 3
Week 6	24 th May – 28 th May 2010
Tuesday 25 th May	Kids can school visit
Tuesday 25 th May	Board of Trustees Meeting 5:00pm in the media centre
Friday 28 th May	1:45 pm Assembly – room 8
Week 7	31 st May – 4 th June
Monday 31 st	School photos
Tuesday 1 st June	Technology for yr 7 & yr 8s
Wednesday 2 nd June	Student Council meeting 11:30am
Thursday 3 rd June	Arbor Day
Friday 4 th June	1:45 pm Assembly – room 2

School Banking:

The ASB and Hamilton Credit Union both provide school banking services to all pupils at Rhode Street School. Getting started is easy

- pick up an application pack from the school office, fill in the application form and return it to the school office.
- If your children already do school banking – great! Remember, the school banking is collected on Tuesday mornings and the books returned on Wednesday.



The Hamilton Farmers' Market

Support your local community at the Hamilton Farmers' Market, where you can buy freshly picked fruit and veg, meats, fish, cheese, and preserves, produced locally using local ingredients, and sold directly from the grower / producer to you. Buying at your local farmers' market ensures local food producers can continue to produce our food, you know where your food comes from, and it travels less than 100km to reach you.

Every Sunday, Sonning Car Park, River Road, Claudelands 8am—12noon. www.hamiltonfarmersmarket.co.nz

