

RHODE STREET SCHOOL

Everyone Growing and Respecting a Quality Learning Whanau

Principal's Korero

Naumai haere mai te whanau and welcome back to Rhode Street School for term 2, 2010. Welcome also to our new whanau who joined us today, I hope your stay with us is an exciting learning journey and the beginning of a rewarding relationship.

I arrived at school this morning to find some sheep and cows grazing on our front lawn. Thank you to Mr Kerr for tying these animals up and letting our children interact with them. To those parents who are a little confused right now, the animals were not real, but a humorous addition to our sculpture park.

At assembly this morning I used the analogy of the V8 Races held last weekend to ignite our students thinking around competing in a race when it comes to learning: We have a better chance of winning if we have enough fuel, a good support crew and the willingness to try our best as we race down the straights, negotiate the corners and challenge our learning with each lap we complete.

I also asked the students to share this news letter with you and recall what they have remembered with their teachers tomorrow. Recount is a way we ask students to write about what they know, have experienced and can share with others. Last term every student wrote a recount of the Kai Festival and during the term break, the staff read a selection of these recounts in order to moderate samples of writing to ensure we are consistent as a staff when it comes to assessing each student's piece of work. This term staff will continue to moderate students writing samples and their professional judgments of where your child is at against the National Standards will be reported to you in week nine, along with their reading and numeracy progress.

The Board of Trustees hold their last meeting as a Board tomorrow night and this will be a chance to thank them for three years of awesome mahi, direction and clear leadership for the school. Thank you to **Lex Kemara, Michelle Deakin, Claudine, Eriepa, Elrika Keyser and Milton Ngahere** for your dedication to raising the bar and expectations for student achievement here at Rhode Street School. Nominations close this Friday for Trustee elections.

The Student Council are organising a **Student Disco** for next week on Friday the 30th April. Parents will need to sign a permission slip for their child to attend either the junior or senior disco and return this to school by Thursday next week. Slips will come home this Friday.

I wish you all well for a great term and look forward to catching up with many of you over the next eleven weeks here at school.

Mauriora

Shane Ngatai
Principal and Proud of it.

Welcome to our school:

Aroha Sam, Shantae Barbarich, Kasas Waaka all in Room 9, Phoenix Richmond Room 11 & Phoenix Edgecomb Room 2.

Rhode Street School Uniform:

We have in stock now the school Polar Fleece Jerseys \$40.00 each and also 2nd hand polo shirts \$10.00 each. For the colder mornings we are now experiencing we have available long black cargo style trousers for \$35 each and a lined polyester track pant for \$26.00 each. 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.

If you would like more information on the upcoming Board of Trustee Elections or may have lost your nomination form please do not hesitate to come into the school office to have your queries answered or to obtain another form. Nominations close 12:00pm Friday 23^d April.

Term 2 – Week 1	Dental Caravan is in school all week
Tuesday 20th April	Technology for Yr 7 & Yr 8 students-please wear correct footwear
	Board of Trustees meeting 4:00pm
Friday 23^d April	Assembly 1:45pm – Room 1
Week 2 – 26th April – 30th April	
Thursday 29th April	Vision and hearing technician in school
Friday 30th PRIL	Assembly 1:45pm – Room 9
	Year 0-Year 3 Disco 5:30pm to 6:30pm
	Year 4-Year 8 Disco 6:45pm to 8:00pm

Community News:

Do you have pre-school children at home with you? Are you looking for something fun to do with them? Then come and join us at

Paterson Street Playcentre.

40 Paterson Street (off the end of Rhode Street)
Dinsdale

We are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.15 – 11.45.

PH 846 6484

SOS!! Sorting Out Sounds

Is your child difficult to understand? Do they miss sounds out of words? Do they change sounds in words? Not sure what to do?

If you are nodding yes to these questions, then perhaps this course is for you!

Date:	Friday 7 May 2010
Venue:	Special Education Ken Browne Drive Hamilton
Time:	9.30 am – 2.30 pm
Target Group:	Parents and/or Educators of children aged 3 to 7 years.
Cost: (per person)	Parents Free (includes lunch and materials) Educators \$45.00 (includes lunch and materials)

You will come away with information about –

- Speech sound development
- How sounds are made
- Typical speech difficulties
- Phonological awareness skills
- The link between speech and literacy
- Practical, everyday strategies

Presenters: Kuvern Kisten-Nair & Te Mania Kottiaya
Speech Language Therapists