

# RHODE STREET SCHOOL

*Everyone Growing and Respecting a Quality Learning Whanau*

Principal's Korero

Tena koutou te whanau and welcome to week 7 of this 11 week term here at Rhode Street School.

Thank you to those parents and community members for taking heed of my message in our last news letter with regard to contacting the NZ Police if there are issues happening in your community that affect our students either emotionally or physically. Your prompt actions have seen the police take immediate action and in doing so, reassure the school that our children are safe and being looked after. For those of you who do not take my advice when I ask you to contact the police, I have done so any way to ensure affirmative action is taken.

Partly as the result of two parents coming to see me last Monday, two students were excluded by the Board of Trustees last Tuesday evening because they posed a dangerous example to other students with their actions and bad examples of behaviour. Whilst not an easy decision to make, the Board were unanimous in excluding both students from attending our school because they are responsible for the health and safety of every student who attends Rhode Street School.

Constable Betty Dellaway has been working closely with several families from our school and is concerned that some of our parents are not sure where their children are after school and in the weekends. She is encouraging all parents to make sure they know what and where their children are at all times, and when they are due back home. I totally endorse this message as well on behalf of our school. Our school policy is that students are required to go straight home after school and stay home (unless they have sports practice, are with their parents, or attend our After School Programme).

With winter officially one day away, it is a timely reminder to remember to send your child to school dressed in correct uniform, wearing covered black shoes, and a school polar fleece, as well as a raincoat in their bag. **The Kids Can Trust** provides shoes and raincoats for many of our families who need the support. Over the next three days your child **may** come home with a new pair of shoes. They will be named (engraved on the heel) and a letter asking you to write a response to Kids Can, which would be appreciated. We never have enough shoes for every student but are grateful to Kids Can for their generous and continued support.

Our new web site is up and running and looking forward to providing many new pieces of information to our cyber community. For your child to have access to the internet here at school, you would have signed an internet use agreement form on enrollment. Please check with your child's teacher if you are unsure if this is the case. You can do this at this term's Student Led Conferences in Week 9.

Staff are currently finalizing the format we will use to report back to parents on the progress and achievement each student is making aligned against the National Standards. A critical component of our reporting format is currently titled: **How You Can Help at Home**. This part of the report needs to be filled out with you, your child and the teacher at our Student Led Conference this term on Tuesday and Thursday of week nine. I will also be surveying you as to what you thought of the reports and how we can improve them for the future.

School photos were taken today and thank you to those parents who ordered and paid for their child's photo on time.

Have an awesome week whanau.

Shane Ngatai  
*Principal and proud of it*

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

Esi Tusiafu Rm 8, Stanley Turinui-Southon Rm 5.

### **Caught Being Good:**

Brigham Elkington Rm 10, Kowhai Hau & Li Kun Cao Rm 8, Leah Mark Rm 7 & Kaleb Harvey Rm 7, Mila Bennett & Emma Loye (twice) Rm 6, Chonnoe Walters Rm 5, Tama Crosswell Rm 1, Anre Faiers Rm 2, Chapma Oti Rm 3.

### **Class Photos:**

These were taken today. Photos were also taken of our 3 netball teams and 1 hockey team, Student Councillors and our Green Fingers Team. These can now be ordered and paid for they are \$12:00 each.

### **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*.

### **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 asap.

### **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!* There are jerseys still being handed in and the names are faded, if you don't want to have to buy a new one **check**.

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| Week 7                         | 31 <sup>st</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June                           |
| Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>        | School photos   |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June   | Technology for yr 7 & yr 8s   |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June | Student Council meeting 11:30am                                       |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June  | Arbor Day   |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June    | 1:45 pm Assembly – room 2   |
| Week 8                         | 7 <sup>th</sup> June – 11 <sup>th</sup> June                          |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June    | Queens Birthday – No School Today.                                    |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June | Matariki Concert 1:30 pm  |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June   | Rhode Street School Matariki Celebration - Students – Staff hangi     |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June   | Student Council run <b>WHEELS DAY</b>                                 |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June   | 1:45 pm Assembly – room 11  |
| 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 7   |



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.