

RHODE STREET SCHOOL

Everyone Growing and Respecting a Quality Learning Whanau

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Naumai haere mai te whanau and welcome back to the last school term for 2011.

We hit the ground running last Tuesday (hence this newsletter being released today) and since then I have been very busy between Wellington, Auckland and here at school. I returned to my office late last Friday to find that **Mrs. Lois McGregor** (our Deputy Principal) has **resigned** effective immediately. This came as a shock to many of us and we all hope that she is happy with her decision and has made it for the right reasons.

It has left us in a very difficult position but my confidence in my other leaders within our school was proven once again; Ms Ryan and Ms Pou have been instrumental in organizing a more than suitable replacement for Room 1 students for the next 8 weeks, ensuring that the students always come first in our minds and hearts here at Rhode Street School. A separate letter will come home for Room 1 later this week explaining the plan and introducing their new teacher. The students are very familiar with their replacement and we are grateful that many of them already have a positive relationship with her.

On a brighter note; the Board is issuing a **Panui** in today's newsletter inviting all interested whanau to a **community meeting this Wednesday** in Kahikatea at 6.30 pm. The purpose of this hui is to find out what whanau and parents want upmost for their children with regard to our **Bi-Lingual Unit**. As most of you are aware the Board has had this unit operating for over seven years but in recent times, student numbers have decreased to a point where we only have a possible 13 students from Year 4 to Year 8 scheduled to be in this unit for 2012 and 11 for 2013. This is not sustainable and will draw heavily on our resources if something is not done. Therefore the Board would like to hear your ideas and possible solutions, so please come along for an hour or so if you can.

I will keep this short whanau so that Winnie can use the front page for the Panui notice.

Have a great week.

Shane Ngatai

Principal and Proud of It

PANUI

Tēnā hoki koutou I roto I ngā āhuetanga o te wā

Ō tātou mate tūātini, i takoto mai ai i runga i ō tatou marae maha, i roto i ō tātou papa kainga, i roto i o tātou whare, kua uhia rātou ki ngā taumata kōrero e tika ana hei poroporoaki i a rātou. Nā reira, me kī pēnei ake te kōrero, tukuna rātou kia okioki I runga I te moenga roa. Āpiti hono, tātai hono, ko te akaaka o te rangi ki a rātou; āpiti hono, tātai hono, ko te akaaka o te whenua ki a tātou te hunga ora.

This Panui is to invite you to a special hui regarding the Bi-Lingual Unit here at Rhode Street Primary School.

The Board of Trustees and the Principal Mr Ngatai would like to discuss the current situation with the Bi-Lingual Unit and to find a way forward for our Tamariki /Mokopuna. The nature of the hui is in relation to the Bi-Lingual Unit and the possibility of it not running in 2012.

The korero will cover continued access to Te Reo Maori me ona Tikanga, and also covering the sustainable, viable and durable pathways to allow our taiohi to pursue excellence within Te Ao Maori. This will be on the 2nd of November at Rhode Street Primary starting at 6.30 PM - 8.00 PM.

We would appreciate your attendance.

Me mutu pea I konei. Noho ora mai rā i roto i ngā manaakitanga katoa.

Nāku iti nei, na - Pakewa. C. Watene (Parent Board of Trustees)

Welcome to our school:

Jahraiah Parata, Jorja Runga, Kyrie Kanera, Paige McIlroy, Levi Archer, Leilani Toia and welcome back to Tina Hille-Taylor & Te Oranga Reeve.

School uniforms:

There were quite a number of children not in their correct school uniform this morning, the regulation uniform for the waste down is anything black, uniform exceptions are for 1 day only for which a note is required.

Rhode Street School Enrolment Scheme:

At the last Board of Trustees meeting held Tuesday the 25th October, the Board voted to have the enrolment scheme cease as of 25th October 2011. This means there is no longer a zone in place for students to attend our school.

Rhode Street School Productions Presents --- **Rock n Roll Idol**
Date: 5th December - 9th December 2011
Time: 11.00 am Matinees Mon/Wed
7.00 pm Night Shows, Tues/Thurs
Place: Rhode Street School
Ticket Sales
Contact - Aunty Winnie at School Office
\$5 Adults - \$2.00 Child - Whanau Pack \$15

<i>Week 2</i>	<i>31st October -4th November</i>
<i>Wednesday 2nd November</i>	<i>Whanau Hui in Kahikatea at 6.30 pm</i>
<i>Week 3</i>	<i>7th - 11th November</i>
<i>Tuesday 8th November</i>	<i>Tech for year 7 & 8 students –correct uniform and footwear required</i>
<i>Friday 11th November</i>	<i>Whole school Assembly 1:45 pm rooms 3 & 11</i>

Community News:

SUMMER SAVERS!
 With summer and Christmas just around the corner, here are some great ways to save some money while eating healthy and being active!
SAVER TIP #1
 Swap icecream for a frozen banana as an after dinner treat.
 Peel a banana and freeze for 12-24 hours.
 Eat while frozen for a creamy and sweet treat.

Lodge Frankton Athletic & Harrier Club
 Invites you to come and have a go at **ATHLETICS**
 Sprints, Longer Distances, Shot-put, Discus, Long-Jump, High-Jump
 Activities for **4- 14 year age groups**
Where: Bremworth Park
When: Monday nights 5.25pm
Starting October 31st 2011
 Phone: Jackie 07 8471522 (I'm not available until 5pm) or email
 jacal191@xtra.co.nz
Muster Date: Saturday 30th October 1.30 - 2.30 pm registration
 For a Registration form or for further information, visit our website
www.sportsground.co.nz/franktonjuniors



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