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School Goal – Term 4 2009

WE WILL THINK OF OTHERS

Teaching and Learning Beliefs:

Supporting Each Other, Tell the Truth, Achieving Our Goals, Respect, Self Responsibility.

Vision: Respect for Self, Respect for Others, Respect for Environment

Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo-ni, Greetings, Bula, Fakaalofa atu, Sabai de, Namesti

PRINCIPALS NEWSLETTER WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2009

We welcome Asha O’Gorman to our school. Asha is a new entrant in Mrs Ryan’s class.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2010

If you know of anyone intending to send their children to our school next year, whether transferring from another school or starting as a new entrant, the time to enrol is now. We will shortly be making up class lists. We can best do this if we know who is coming so that we have the maximum amount of time to ensure we make the best decision of classroom teacher. We have some room available for transfers from other schools. Please remind those you think might be interested that Rangikura no longer has a zone.

SCHOOL GOAL

We are nearly at the end of having our current school goal – ‘We Will Think of Others’. This goal has been a great success for us. This was brought home to us this week when we received a wonderful email from a member of the public who came across our Year 7/8 students on a trip to Days Bay last week. The email outlined how our students were very respectful of the family and young children in the park. This was certainly evidence that our students were thinking of others. The following students were recognized and rewarded at recent school assemblies for their efforts in working towards our goal.

Shayne Wesley, Cian White-Haenga, Jasiah Baker, Jack Fuli, Reihana Rewita, Jeremiah Kelemete, Brooklyn Ropeti Takaviri Rere, Johnny Rarere, Nicolette Mikaio, Sam Kupa-Cummings, Jodeci Peita, Herangi Williams, Briar Barnsley, Sarah Heberley, Lee-Roy Simi, Staci Walsh, Ashleigh Bell, Paije Vettori, Leah Baker, Tyla Baker, Caleb Waara, Ford Williams, Chad Osborne, Caitlin Griffin, Kayla Stephens, Ihaia Ropata and Joshua Tauhore. Congratulations and well done to you all.



FORGOTTEN TO MAKE PARENT INTERVIEW TIMES?

It is not too late. Some times are still available on Thursday between 3.30 and 6.30pm. Please phone the office – 2359143 and Ann or Rayleen will make you an appointment.

CLASS LISTS / STAFFING

We are currently working on finalizing classes and lists for next year. We will publish the confirmed class lists on our office window from lunchtime on Friday 11 December. We still have to confirm some staffing arrangements for 2010 but currently the staff is:

- Kowhai
Debbie Gulliver – Syndicate Leader
Kiri Weir
Angela Cole.
All these teachers will have Year 1 classes.
- Rimu
Paulette Holland – Syndicate Leader
Heather Clayton
One teacher to be finalized.
All these teachers will have Year 2/3 classes.
- Pohutukawa
Katrina Day – Syndicate Leader – Year 4/5
Gabriel Small – Year 4/5
Sarah Nui – Year 5/6
Nikki Merval – Year 5/6
- Kahikatea
Amanda Frater – Syndicate Leader
Jason Maraku
One teacher to be finalised.
All these teachers will have Year 7/8 classes.



Eddie Uluilalata is our new Deputy Principal. He will not have a class next year. He will be undertaking many school wide responsibilities next year. He has also been accepted into a prestigious national Aspiring Principal's Programme which will help him gain the skills to become a principal in the future.

Jay Smock, currently teaching in Kahikatea, will be moving to Whakatane next year, so has resigned. We are sad about this – Jay has been an awesome teacher with us, has implemented innovative programmes with students and has positively influenced achievement and the lives of students in the class. We wish her well but she will definitely be missed.

TAMAITI MUA

Our new partnership with the community 'Tamaiti Mua' was launched at the Thursday night performance of our concert. We are very fortunate to have Norm Hewitt assisting us to launch this new community initiative. I must apologize though, for not being clearer about the name of the initiative at the concert. I believe some members of the audience were upset about the name because it does not translate to 'Children First', and we may have given the impression that this was so. We are completely aware that this is not an accurate translation and nor was it meant to be. We were seeking a name that would be recognizable to both Maori and Pasifika and which would reflect the multicultural make-up of our school. The words 'Tamaiti' and 'Mua' are recognizable to have to do with children or the child and being first in the Maori language and all Pasifika languages. It is not a literal translation of any language. It is for this reason that we chose 'Tamaiti Mua – Children First' as the name of our initiative. Hopefully this clears up any misconceptions. Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns. We are committed to strengthening partnerships with our parents and community and look forward to next year's developments in this area which will be ably led by Eddie Uluilalata with the assistance of Jason Maraku.

CONCERT

Many thanks to all the parents, caregivers and families who supported our concert performances. It was great to see you all at the shows. It was also great to have our show in our school hall. As we develop the venue further we will be able to put on even better shows for you all. Tickets were in very heavy demand. We apologize to those who found it difficult to get tickets.

JUMP JAM SUCCESS

It was a pleasure to accompany the Jump Jam Boys, teachers and parents to Auckland recently for the National Competitions. Our boys were highly successful, beating the other schools and becoming National Jump Jam Champions in their age group. This is a great success which we have all been celebrating. We are in possession of a very large trophy. Huge thanks to Nikki Merval for all the work in training the boys and to Kim Holmes for the boys amazing costumes.



ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES/RAAY'S

We seem to be in the middle of a large number of chicken pox cases at the moment. This is obviously a genuine reason for children to be away from school. Hopefully, this will run its course very quickly. Some RAAY'S letters were also sent out recently. Many thanks to the parents who contacted me about this. Your support is greatly appreciated.

There are still too many students arriving late in the morning though. This is a prime time for them to be at school, where expectations for the day are set up. If children miss this time of day they can take a while to catch up with what is happening. It would be wonderful if all students could arrive on time in the mornings.

TERM DATES 2010

For your planning, the term dates for next year are:

Friday 29 January	Teacher Only Day
Monday 1 February	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 2 February	Students Begin Term 1
Thursday 1 April	End of Term 1
Monday 19 April	Term 2 Begins
Friday 2 July	Term 2 Ends
Monday 19 July	Term 3 Begins
Friday 24 September	Term 3 Ends
Monday 11 October	Term 4 Begins
Wednesday 15 December	End of 2010 school year.

This information is also available on the school website.

Kind Regards
Paul Nees
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

3 December	Parent Interviews 3.30 – 6.30pm
4 December	Rimu Trip to pools + Road Patrol Christmas Function + Stars Assembly
7 – 11 December	Pohutukawa / Rimu EOTC weeks
8 December	BOT Meeting 6pm Library + Helpers Morning Tea
9 December	Sports Prizegiving 4pm
10 December	Road Patrol Training for 2010 wardens
11 December	Class lists published on office windows + Assembly + Griffin Trophy presentation
12 December	Year 8 Graduation and Senior Formal
14 December	School Poetry Idol Competition
15 December	Poroporoaki for Chris Ryan 11.15am. Year 6 dinner 6 – 8pm.
16 December	Last day of Term. School finishes at 12noon
2 February 2010	School begins for students at 8.55am sharp.