

Rātā Street School

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Pānui No 9 Term 2
Wednesday 3 July 2024

Principal’s Message

Kia ora whānau

It’s hard to believe that we’re in the final week of the term! It has been a fantastic term for the children, with a wide range of learning opportunities on offer, whether that be part of the classroom programme or as part of the work that was covered by each Whānau.

Please don’t forget to check out our very active Facebook page to keep up-to-date with all the incredible learning opportunities that our children experience. So much goes on from week to week that it’s impossible for the newsletter to keep up! Another limitation of the newsletter is that space is limited, and by only being able to show a handful of photos of things that the children get up to, doesn’t do justice to the experience had by the children, and unfortunately not everyone can be celebrated. We also like to post short video clips of the children, which adds to the flavour of what the children (and staff) have been up to.

Earlier this week, for the first time ever, our Culture Group performed at Hutfest. The children certainly did us proud with what was an amazing performance. I would like to make a special mention firstly of Lucy Hetutu, who worked tirelessly with the children to prepare them for their performance. For those of you who know Lucy, she is fully invested in whatever she undertakes and gave blood, sweat and tears (happy ones), to make it a memorable performance for the children and their whānau. I would also like to thank Caitlin Steere for her incredible organisation skills, and for all the practices and care that she gave to the children over many, many weeks.

A reminder that school finishes at **2pm this Friday**. School starts back for Term 3 on **Monday 22 July**.

I hope the children have a restful break.

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New Children

We warmly welcome our new students and their whānau to Rātā Street School. They are: Alea and Braxton.

Attendance Data Term 1

At the last Board meeting the Attendance Data for Term 1 was presented to the Board. Attendance is something that we have been working really hard on this year, and we appreciate the support that we have received from whānau to date. We still have a percentage of children who are not attending school as regularly as we would like and we will continue to make contact to work with whānau in this area.

The Ministry of Education has set student attendance targets for regular attendance and chronic and moderate absence. Please see the attendance measure (bands) and goals below:

Regular Attendance

Percentage of akōnga attending school **regularly** (attending more than 90%, an average of 9 days a fortnight).

Moderately Absent

Percentage of akōnga who are **moderately absent** (attending more than 70% up to 80%, missing two to three days a fortnight).

Chronically Absent

Percentage of akōnga who are **chronically absent** (attending 70% or less, missing three or more days a fortnight).

Ministry of Education Targets 2024

Regular Attendance: 70%
Moderately Absent: 6%
Chronically Absent: 5%

Our Attendance Data

Regular Attendance: 58% (2023 - 63%)

Irregular Absence: 26% (2023 - 21%)

Moderately Absent: 10% (2023 - 10%)

Chronically Absent: 6% (2023 - 6%)

Which days and weeks had the highest and lowest attendance in Term 1, 2024?

Highest: Tuesday (90%)

Lowest: Monday (88%)

Rātā Street School Values Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following tamariki from Te Whānau Kākano who received a Values Award at Week 8's assembly.

Kosha - for showing Mahi tahi

Luka - for showing Pakari

Sativa - for showing Aroha

Brody - for showing Pakari

Arthur - for showing Aroha

Raiden - for showing Pakari

Harry - for showing Aroha

Iyllah - for showing Aroha

Zevens - for showing Pakari

Carlos - for showing Whakaute

Huttfest by Miss Steere

After months of preparation, the Puāwai Culture Group performed on Monday at Huttfest. This was the first time Rātā Street School had taken part in Huttfest and the tamariki did a fantastic job. It was an amazing opportunity to showcase the diverse cultures at our school and we are incredibly proud of all of the performers. A big thank you to Lucy for all of the work she put into making it such a great performance.

After School Drama Classes in Term 3 at School with Find the Light Drama – Kimihia te aho

A playful space to build children's (Year 2 and up) confidence and expression, and develop imaginative thinking and team building skills in a supportive and fun environment through drama games, storytelling, music and movement. **Pay-what-you-can (From \$20-\$80 for the term). Lessons will be held each Tuesday 3.15pm-4pm.** Please register your interest with Jean-Mari in the office as soon possible.

Matariki Day

Last Wednesday we celebrated Matariki at school. Each kaiako took a different activity and the tamariki did three of these across the day in Tuakana-Teina groups. There was seed planting, poi, rākau, baking whetū biscuits, stained glass kites, and many other Matariki themed activities for the tamariki to enjoy. In the afternoon we had a Matariki Assembly which included a performance from the pakeke at Te Mangungu Marae and Ako 15, an exciting video showcasing the day, waiata, and a performance from Puāwai Culture Group. It was a great way for our kura to celebrate Matariki together.

Matariki Hākari

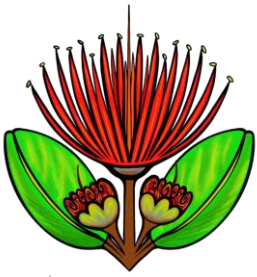
On Wednesday evening we held our Matariki Hākari at kura. It was fantastic to see so many whānau here to celebrate Matariki together. There were exciting activities to learn about each whetū in the Matariki star cluster; seed planting, origami fish, cardboard stars, storytelling, wishing stars and remembrance stars. Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate Matariki.

Friends of Rātā Street School (FoRSS)

I would like to thank the FoRSS for their amazing fundraising effort during the Matariki Hākari. This small group of dedicated parents helped out on the night by selling sausages and their homemade baking and soup.

We are very lucky to have such committed group of parents to help raise funds for the school. Meetings are held each term and are open to any parent/caregiver or whānau associated with the school. Please keep an eye out in future newsletters for meeting times and dates.





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All Blacks

Last week our Year 5/6 touch players were invited to the very impressive NZCIS for the official All Blacks Launch. We were 1 of only 6 lucky kura across the Wellington Region chosen to attend this event. The 40 tamariki started the day with some drills and skills with NZR and Wellington Rugby. These were fun and engaging and allowed the tamariki to show off their skills and abilities. After 45 minutes of skills the formalities started, hosted by Mils Muliaina, former All Black. There was a chance to hear from the new coach Scott Robertson, new captain, Scott Barrett, and a number of other players. Then came the highlight of the day - meeting all of the players, getting signatures and photos! It was very special for our tamariki to meet Asafo Aumua, new All Black and ex Rātā Street School student. It really was an amazing day, and an incredible once in a lifetime experience for our tamariki. A very big thank you to NZ Rugby for this opportunity.

