



Rātā Street School

‘Learning together to achieve excellence’

Pānui No 1 Term 1
Friday 31 January 2025

Principal’s Message

Kia ora Whānau

Welcome back to Rātā Street School for the 2025 school year. We hope you had a safe and restful break and that you managed to spend some quality time with your whānau.

We look forward to a terrific year ahead.

Hamish Regan
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New Tamariki

We warmly welcome the following new students and their whānau to Rātā Street School. They are: Aaria, Artin, Cooper, Eli, Emily, Jack, Josephine, Kaia, Khalil, Kiani, Kiara-Rose, Kiriana, Kolton, Kreihana, Matahiapo, Melevasa and Pikikotuku.

Staff Organisation for 2025

Principal: Hamish Regan
Deputy Principal/SENCO: Michelle Finn
Deputy Principal: Nicole Cooper

Te Whānau Kākano

Ako 1: Year 0/1 Caren McLachlan
(Whānau Leader)
Ako 3: Year 1/2 Diana Molineux
Ako 4: Year 0/1 Haley Baldwin
Ako 5: Year 1/2 Carelle Austin
Ako 6: Year 1/2 Fiona Leong

Te Whānau Pihinga

Ako 10: Year 4 Kate Coles
Ako 11: Year 3 Courtney James
Ako 17: Year 4 Bridget Keenan
Ako 18: Year 3 Sarah McAuliffe (Whānau Leader)

Te Whānau Puāwai

Ako 13: Year 5/6 Julia Irwin/Craig Irwin
Ako 15: Year 5/6 Caitlin Steere
Ako 16: Year 5/6 Sara Walls

Readiness for School

Sandra Mallo

Support Staff (in classrooms)

Sharon Clark
Vonnice Don
Barbara Eldridge
Faith Tauti
Heather Duncan
Lucy Hetutu
Kathleen Shanks
Cath Browne
Jody Sheterline
Melissa Parker
Esther Ausage
Jack Tetley
Maddi Taylor

Office Staff

Amy Liu (Office Manager)
Jean-Mari Barnard (Office Assistant)

Other Support Staff

Aswathy Kollakkode (Social Worker)
Ronwyn Coffey (Librarian)
Sally Lancashire and Mikaela Cody (Learning Support Co-ordinators)

Caretaker

Phil Paterson

Mihi Whakatau

A mihi whakatau will be held on Friday 7 February to welcome new students and whānau to Rātā Street School. If you are new to the school, please keep an eye out for an invitation as they are being sent home over the next day or two.

Pānui (Newsletters)

The first pānui of the year is sent home as a paper copy. All other newsletters will be emailed to whānau every fortnight on a Wednesday. If you don't have an email address and you would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please get in touch with Jean-Mari in the office.

You will also find attached to the first pānui of each term a calendar/overview of all planned events. This includes things like Assemblies, House Spirit Day, when the dental van will be onsite and the swimming programme.

Welcome BBQ and Parent Information Evening

On Tuesday 11 February we will be holding our meet the teacher/parent information evening. We will have a free sausage sizzle in the Quad from 5.30pm. A bell will ring at 6.10pm so that parents/caregivers can move off to their child's class to learn about the teacher/classroom programme. At 6.30pm another bell will ring so that those parents who have two children can go to the next class. In total there will be two 15 minute slots that you can attend. A reminder will be coming home next week but in the meantime please look to put this evening aside.

Fruit in School

The Fruit in Schools programme starts on Monday 10 February. This means that fresh fruit will be available to the students daily.

Staff Car Park

The staff car park is for staff use only. We ask that parents/caregivers do not use it for drop-offs and pick-ups in the morning or afternoon. The reason being, it creates congestion and danger at these key times. A chain is put up over the entrance at 8.30am and we ask that parents/caregivers refrain from taking it down and using the car park.

Hats and Water

A reminder that the children are required to wear a sun hat during Terms 1 and 4. This is so that they can be protected from the harsh ultraviolet rays from the sun. You can purchase a hat at the school office for \$12.00. Sunscreen is available in each classroom. We also remind students to drink lots of water, so if possible, please send your child to school with a named drink bottle.

Readiness for School

Our Readiness for School programme will start on Wednesday 5 February in Ako 19. Sessions run from 9am-11am. If you know of any 4 to 5 year olds who will be enrolling at Rātā Street School, please contact the office on [567 0096](tel:5670096) to enrol your child into **Wednesday morning Readiness for School** and find out about this wonderful learning opportunity!

Touch Rugby Registrations

Term 1 registrations for Years 1-6 are now open. Please click on the link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYvf3GEnszpCP3kJCUoR0s2e66AXoYX2do2_bzScfmUJ_Hg/viewform to complete the form.

Attendance

We will continue to shine a spotlight on attendance this year, because of the undeniable relationship between attendance and achievement. Even a small amount of time off school can greatly impact your child's development! This includes their social and emotional wellbeing. We expect that all children are in school as often as possible unless they are sick or there is a justified reason for their absence.

If your child is going to be absent, please ring and leave a clear message on the school phone line before 8.50am. You need to leave your child's name, room number and the reason they are absent. The school phone number is 567 0096.

Term Dates 2025

Term 1: 30 January - 11 April

Term 2: 28 April - 27 June

Term 3: 14 July - 19 September

Term 4: 6 October - 12 December