



Rātā Street School Pānui

“Learning together to achieve excellence”

Pānui No 14 Term 4
Wednesday 16 October 2024

Principal’s Message

Kia ora whānau

Welcome back to school and the start of Term 4. I hope all the children had a fabulous break and that they are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term ahead.

You will see from the Whānau Calendar attached that despite the term only being 9 weeks long, the teachers have planned plenty of amazing learning experiences for the children. This includes exciting opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom, and as always, it seems like a huge amount to squeeze into such a short period of time.

The children must bring a sun hat to school this term. This is so that they can be protected from the harsh ultraviolet rays from the sun. Sunscreen is available in each of the classrooms. It is also very important that the children drink lots of water, so please send your child to school with a named drink bottle.

It’s getting to that time of year when we start to plan for 2025. With this in mind, if you know of any children who are turning 5 and intend to enrol at Rātā Street, please ask their whānau to contact Jean-Mari or Amy in the office. This is so that the enrolment process can get underway. Once enrolments are received, we can then organise classroom visits to ensure a smooth transition to school.

Have a great term everyone.

Hamish Regan
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New Children

We warmly welcome our new students and their whānau to Rātā Street School. They are: Brylee, Corbin, Edicee, Mitchell and Vincent.

Teacher Only Day

There is a TOD for staff on **Friday 25 October**. This means school will be closed for instruction on this day, and the office will also be closed. Whānau will need to make alternative arrangements for their children on this day.

Labour Day - Holiday

Please don’t forget that school will also be closed on **Monday 28 October** for the Labour Day holiday.

Year 6 Camp Information Evening

There is a camp information evening being held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 23 October in the school staffroom. This meeting is for any parent/caregiver of a Year 6 child who is attending camp later this term.

Year 5 Road Patroller Training

Every year, our future road patrollers for the following year participate in training facilitated by Constable Blue. The children spend time learning about their role and responsibilities and are trained to a very high standard, to ensure everyone is safe when crossing on Rātā Street or Naenae Road. This is an excellent leadership opportunity for the children, which helps to build resilience and responsibility. I would like to thank Miss Cooper for organising the training.

Attendance

It's very important that your child attends school every day, because every day counts! Even a small amount of time off school can have a big impact on 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.

I would like to see a big increase in regular attendance this term and ask that whānau continue to work with us to ensure that coming to school is a priority.

The information below is how the Ministry of Education categorises attendance:

Regular Attendance (over 90%)

This means missing fewer than 5 days a term.

Irregular Attendance (more than 80% and up to 90% attendance)

This means being absent between 5 and 9 days a term.

Moderately Absent (more than 70% and up to 80% attendance)

This means being absent between 10 and 14.5 days a term.

Chronic Absence (70% attendance or less)

Absent for 15 days or more a term.

Mihi Whakatau

We will be holding a Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students, whānau and staff members in the hall on Friday morning at 9.00am. These are always a special time for us as a school, so if you would like to be part of the celebration, please feel free to join us.

Rātā Street School Values Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following tamariki from Te Whānau Kākano who received a Values Award at the assembly in Term 4 Week 10 (Friday 27 September).

Roman - for showing Aroha
Jaelah - for showing Aroha
Karla-Lee - for showing Aroha
Houston - for being Pakari
Ian - for being Pakari
Ryder - for being Pakari
Brannox - for being Pakari
Nehemiah - for showing Whakaute
Vanessa - for being Whakauru
Ryder - for being Pakari
Alex - for showing Mahi Tahi and for being Whakauru
Seth - for being Pakari and for showing Mahi tahi

Policy Review Term 4

The following policy is open for review via School Docs.

1. Finance and Asset Management Policy

- Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz/
- Click **Search for your school**
- Start typing the school's name and then select it from the dropdown list
- Enter the username (ratastreet) and password (naenae)

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1. Log in as above
2. Click on the current review tab
3. Follow the link to each policy in the table
4. Read the policy
5. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear
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