



# Rātā Street School

‘Learning together to achieve excellence’

Pānui No 5 Term 1  
Thursday 27 March 2025

## Principal’s Message

Kia ora whānau

The term continues to march on, and it feels like one week is rolling into the next at the moment. It’s hard to believe that we are in Week 9 already, and with only two weeks to go, the last day of term will be upon us before we know it. With this in mind, I would like to remind whānau that school **finishes at 2.00pm on Friday 11 April**.

Last week we held our first 75th Jubilee Committee meeting. Thank you to those people who not only attended the meeting, but shared fond memories of their time at our school. At the meeting, the programme of events was confirmed for the two days. Keep an eye on our Facebook page as programme information and details on registration will be available soon. Please spread the word to your old school mates and colleagues and invite them to like our Facebook page so they are able to see further updates. The dates set aside for the Jubilee by the Board of Trustees are:

Thursday 18 September  
Friday 19 September

This is a reminder that we have a school assembly this Friday, and we would love to see you there if you can make it. Ako 5 and Ako 6 will be hosting this week.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Hamish Regan  
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## New Tamariki

We warmly welcome Sariyah and her whānau to Rātā Street School.

## Contact Details

If you have moved or changed any of your home or work contact details lately, such as phone or mobile numbers, please contact Jean-Mari in the office as soon as possible so that she can update our student records. The last thing we want in an emergency is not being able to contact whānau because contact details haven’t been updated.

## Winter Sport Opportunities

Term One is nearing its end, meaning it’s almost time for winter sports. We will be entering Year 5 and 6 netball teams in Terms 2 and 3. These games are played on Monday afternoons from Monday 5 May to Monday 25 August. Please go to the following link for information and to register.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/327535>

Naenae Football Club is looking for players of all ages. Games are played on Saturday mornings from Saturday 3 May to Saturday 30 August. Please register at the following link.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/337035>

Naenae Hockey Club is looking for players of all ages. Games are played on Saturday mornings and start on Saturday 3 May. Please register at the following link.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1iuEJRrLJrEJO75tx54KSwWHvZ10T1zrCiGyzwA5VqKw/edit>

In Term 3, we will be entering Basketball teams and Badminton teams into local competitions. Information on these will be made available next term.

## **Kahui Ako Super Staff Meeting (after school)**

Next week, the teaching staff, along with other schools in the Kahui Ako, will attend the launch of the Te Ngaengae Local History Website at Waiwhetu Marae. The website will be for teachers to use and will support them in teaching local history.

## **Free Dental Checks**

The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile is currently at school and will be here for the next two weeks. Once seen, your child will be given a completion certificate which will inform you of what happens next.

Please search your child's bag for one of the following notices:

- Your child requires no further appointments this year
- Your child needs an appointment at your local Dental hub for further care

Our local Hub clinic is: Naenae Dental Hub.

If you have pre-school aged children, please call the Dental Hub to arrange an appointment for their annual dental check-up.

To book or reschedule your appointment, or to update your contact details, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583)**.

## **Easter Raffle (more eggs needed)**

This is a reminder that we will be holding our big Easter Raffle on Friday 11 April! This is a major fundraiser for our school, and all money raised is spent on the children. Each year, we ask whānau to donate chocolate eggs, big or small, that we can use as part of the raffle. Although quite a few chocolate eggs have been donated already, we still need more to make the raffle a huge success, so if you can donate an egg or two, please drop them off at the office as soon as possible. Tickets will go on sale before school next Wednesday morning and cost \$1.00 each.

## **Lost Property**

Lost property continues to be an issue as there is a tonne of clothing in the Lost Property Box. If your child is missing an item of clothing, a drink bottle, swimming togs, or a hat, please get them to look in the box as soon as possible. This can be found in the linkway. All items left in the Box at the end of the term will be donated to charity.

## **Rātā Street School Facebook Page**

Don't forget to check out our School's Facebook page. School life is very busy, and so much happens throughout the day that we like to keep you as up-to-date as possible. Posts are often made daily of events that are going on at school, so please check it out if you want to find out about all the amazing things that our children are getting up to.

## **Te Mangungu Marae Visits**

This year we have the privilege of taking 35 tamariki to visit Nga Pūmanawa Kaumatua o Te Iwi at Te Mangungu Marae. Every fortnight we join with the kaumatua, led by Mama Mate, and sing waiata together. Our tamariki love learning new waiata and haka alongside the kaumatua, and we are grateful for this opportunity to build new relationships and learn on the Marae.

## **Whānau Rōpū**

On Tuesday evening, we held our first Whānau Rōpū for the year at school. It was fantastic to see three of our whānau to discuss the plans for the year, with nine people in attendance. We discussed the direction for Te Ao Māori at Rātā Street School in 2025, and began working on a very exciting project. A big thank you to our amazing whānau for joining us! Our next meeting will be held in Term 2, so hopefully you can join us then.