

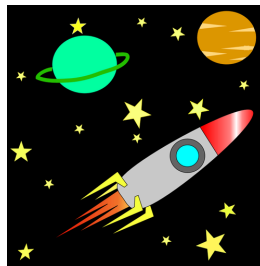


Ruapotaka School Newsletter

TERM 2 WEEK 1 2025

Kia ora koutou, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Aweh, Kia orana, Annyeonghaseyo, Malo e lelei, Kumasta, Fakaalofa lahi atu kia mutulu oti and warm greetings to all our friends and whānau. A special warm welcome to all our new families joining us this term. We look forward to working alongside you and your child or children.

Learning Focus for Term 2: This term we focus on the curriculum areas Science and Visual Art. Our Science topic for the term is "Astronomical Systems." We have an exciting trip planned to the Stardome Observatory and Planetarium in Week 9 for students in Years 4 to 8. In Visual Art we will look at using a variety of media and techniques to create works of art. A trip to Te Tuhi Art Gallery in Pakuranga has been planned for the whole school.



Important Notices and Reminders

Deodorant/Antiperspirant for Year 5-8 Students: As your child gets older and plays more and more sport, they will need deodorant or an antiperspirant to help them with their sweating. If you are looking for an antiperspirant, please use a "roll-on" rather than a "spray", as sprays can affect students and adults who also have hayfever or are susceptible to hayfever. Also choose one that is not small so much as again this can affect students and adults with hay fever or asthma. They do not need to bring this item to school ever or any sprays or smelly items.



PB4L: Positive behaviour for learning: At Ruapōtaka Primary School, we are committed to creating a safe and positive learning environment for our students. Our PB4L approach promotes respect, resilience, responsibility, and integrity, aligning with our shared vision of empowering learners and shaping a better future. Let's work together to foster these values in our children both at school and at home. Help us promote the values of respect, resilience, responsibility, and integrity in our students by having conversations with your child about these values and how they can apply them in their daily lives.

Uniform Expectations for Term 1: From this week, school hats MUST be worn everyday at school. If students do not have a school hat, they will not be able to play outside during break times. Please ensure that your child has a SCHOOL HAT while they are at school and on school trips. They can leave their hat at school and have a mufti hat to wear to and from school.



New Enrolments: If you know of anyone living near you that has a 5 year old birthday soon please ask them to contact our school office to pick up an enrolment pack. This term all new enrolments will get the opportunity to meet the Principal and have a look around the school.

Coaching sports teams- If you are available to help coach a sport or support our students at these tournaments, please reach out to our Sports Coordinator, Mrs M on damitham@ruapotaka.school.nz. We have football, ki-o-rahi, basketball and netball tournaments coming up this term.

We would also like to run a **Ukulele group** during lunchtimes and hopefully perform at the Kiwileles show. If you know anyone who could help us please contact the school office and speak to Leanne on 09 5276244.

Ways to keep in Touch: There are many ways to keep in touch with what is happening at school. Please remember if your email, phone number or address changes please contact the school office.



Download our school app to get up to date information straight to your phone.



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Our school office phone number is 09 527 6244. To contact the principal directly her number is 09 5276248.



Our school office email is office@Ruapōtaka.school.nz to contact our school secretary Leanne Martin.



Important Dates for Term 2: There are many extra activities that happen over the term and some activities are regular throughout the year. Here are a few to remember:

Newsletters: These come out to the eldest and only in hard copy each fortnight in Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9.

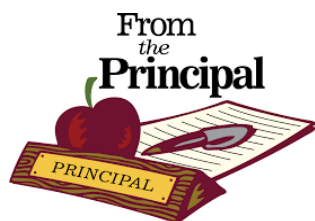
Whole School Assemblies: These also happen fortnightly during the same weeks as the newsletters come out. All whānau are invited to attend any of these assemblies. Assemblies start at 9:15am this year.

Frozen Fridays: We are having these again this year every Friday ice blocks will be on sale at \$2.00 each. Students pick these up on the way home on Friday from the school staffroom.

Wellbeing Wednesdays: All staff and students are expected to be off site by 3pm each Wednesday. This is an opportunity for our staff to work on their wellbeing. There will be a staff member who will remain onsite until the last child is picked up. Please do not be late picking up your children.

Date	Activity	Date	Activity
Mon 28 April	First day Term 2 Dental Van at school	Mon 28 April	Football with Eastern Suburbs at lunch time
Tues 29 April	Dental van at school	Tues 29 April	Kelly Sports for Senior School
Wed 30 April	Dental van at school	Wed 30 April	Yr 7/8 Tech @ TC
Thurs 1 May	Dental van at school	Thurs 1 May	HPV 1 + Boostrix for Yr 7&8
Fri 2 May	Dental van at school	Fri 2 May	Whole School Assembly
Mon 5 May	Dental van at school	Mon 5 May	HPV Y8 Catch up
Tue 6 May	Dental van at school	Tue 6 May	Kelly Sports for Senior School
Wed 7 May	Dental van at school	Wed 7 May	Cluster Football Tournament
Wed 7 May	Yr 7/8 Tech @ TC	Thurs 8 May	Dental van at school
Fri 9 May	Dental van at school	Fri 9 May	9.15am Junior Whanau Assembly
Mon 12 May	Blake vR show for Senior School	Tue 13 May	Kelly Sports for Senior School
Wed 14 May	Save day cluster football	Wed 14 May	Yr 7/8 Tech @ TC
Fri 16 May	Whole School Assembly	Tue 20 May	Kelly Sports for Senior School
Tue 21 May	Yr 7/8 Tech @ TC	Fri 23 May	9.15am Junior Whanau Assembly
Tue 27 May	Kelly Sports for Senior School	Wed 28 May	Yr 7/8 Tech @ TC
Fri 30 May	Manaiakalani Cluster Teacher Only Day - School Closed		
Mon June 2nd	Samoan Language Week begins	Mon 2nd June	King's Birthday Holiday. School Closed.
Tue 3rd June	Trip to Te Tuhi Art Gallery	Wed 4th June	Trip to Te Tuhi Art Gallery
Wed 4th June	Yr 7/8 Tech @ TC	Fri 6th June	9.15am Junior Whanau Assembly
Tue 10 June	Kelly Sports for Senior School	Wed 11 June	Yr 7/8 Tech @ TC
Fri 13 June	Whole School Assembly	Tue 17 June	Kelly Sports for Senior School
Wed 18 June	Yr 7/8 Tech @ TC	Thurs 19 June	Learning Conferences 8.00am to 7.30 pm. School Open for conferences only. Art Exhibition Day in multipurpose room.
Fri 20 June	Matariki Holiday. School Closed	Mon 23 June	Trip to Stardome Rooms 1&5
Tue 24 June	Kelly Sports for Senior School	Tue 24 June	Ki-o-rahi cluster day
Tue 24 June	Trip to Stardome Rooms 3&6	Wed 25 June	Yr 7/8 Tech @ TC
Fri 27 June	Whole School Assembly	Fri 27 June	Last Day Term 2 finishing at 2pm

Property Update: Over the school holidays, we have had an upgrade to our fire alarms and smoke alarms. We will also be looking to upgrade some of our school CCTV to add another layer of security.



Fakaalofa lahi atu kia mutlu oti and kia ora koutou e te whānau. I hope you all managed to get some opportunity to rest, relax and recharge with friends and family. These holidays I have spent the first week in Wellington at a Pasifika Fono and reconnected with many teachers and leaders that I have not seen in a while, while learning about how to better cater for our Pasifika students at Ruapotaka School. The second week I only managed to do school work on

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday due to the public holidays. Tuesday, time was spent preparing some of the work for Term 2, Wednesday myself and other teachers completed our St John's First Aid course and Thursday we came back into school to set up our classrooms and offices for the term as we also had a deep clean of the whole school with all the carpets being cleaned as well. So in a way I feel like I haven't quite had the holiday that I had anticipated but I did manage to rest my body if not my mind from school work.

Term 2 is a short term of 9 weeks, with a number of Staff Only or Teacher Only Days and public holidays. Please ensure that you have our school app or FB page which are the two ways to keep in touch with the school. Our school newsletter also has important dates for the whole term. Please put these dates into your personal calendar so you know ahead of time what is happening. Our school digital sign is also another way to see what is happening at school but sometimes it doesn't work as efficiently as we would expect it to.

Welcome Back to Ms Wylma Erick, who returns from her teaching experience in Australia. Thank you to Mrs T who looked after Ms Erick's class in her absence. Mrs T is currently travelling in Europe. I am looking forward to seeing you all again throughout the term.



Monuina e aho nei,
Allison Hamilton
(Principal)