



NEWSLETTER

1st February 2017
Term one, week one

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Kia ora and welcome back to another year of learning at Rere School. Hopefully everybody had a wonderful holiday and are now ready for the coming term.

It was great to see everyone back at school this morning so happy, healthy and excited to get the new year started.

STAFFING:

We welcome Clare Robinson to Rere School. Clare will be working in the senior room. Melody Crow continues with principal release and works three days a fortnight in the junior room. Kay Twigley continues with teacher aiding and will also be working in the office for four hours per week. Paula Reedy is continuing with the cleaning and will be working in the office as financial administrator for four hours a week.

TERM DATES FOR 2015:

Term 1 ends on Thursday 13th April
Term 2 May 1st to July 7th
Term 3 July 24th to September 29th
Term 4 October 16th to December 15th

SCHOOL IS CLOSED:

Monday 6th February in observance of Waitangi Day

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Parent Meeting Thursday 16th February at 3pm
Beach Ed Day 17th February
First Manual for Yr7 and 8 students Monday 13th February
BOT Meeting Monday 14th February at 6.30pm
Bikes at School Weeks 4&5 beginning 20th February
Weetbix Tryathlon Tuesday 21st February
Rural Schools' triathlon 3rd March
Interschool Swimming Wednesday 8th March
Three Way Interviews 8th-9th March
Junior Swimming Sports Friday 10th March
Senior Swimming Sports Friday 17th March
St Johns First Aid Thursday 16th March tbc
Life Education Truck visiting Thursday 21st March
Interschool Triathlon Wednesday 22rd March
Museum Visit Friday 31st March

There will be a **meeting for parents/whanau at 3pm on Thursday the 9th of February** to introduce Clare and Melody to our school community. We will also be discussing the changes to reporting we have made based on the feedback given in the Principal's review

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last year as well as a few other issues that were identified during that review. This will also be a time to determine the workshops whanau would like to be better able to support their child's learning at home.

Rere School Timetables, Assembly Hosts, etc. These are all posted on the Rere School website so have a look there www.rere.school.nz. A copy of the timetable and assembly hosts for Term 1 are attached for your information.

SCHOOL VALUE: RESPECT is the value at the heart of our learning community for the next two weeks.

“Football is like life - it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority. Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that's real power.”

SCHOOL NEWS: The overall focus for 2017 Inquiry planning, which includes the Arts, Technology, Health, and Social Sciences, will be on **RESPECT for our Environment** - The three Rs - Reuse, Reduce, Recycle. This will also include the development of our Outdoor Classroom site. We will also be focusing on Māori sites of importance to Rere as part of our Mārae year.

A huge THANK YOU to the digger driver **Wayne Robertson Contracting** who kindly donated his time for free to help prepare the water way for the first stage of our outdoor classroom.

A big shout out to **Ben Holden Fencing** who donated a gate so children would have access into the fenced native area in our outdoor classroom. This is greatly appreciated.

Another huge THANK YOU goes out to **Anna Roberts** for her work behind the scenes to secure the expertise and resources needed to get the outdoor classroom project off the ground. This is a very exciting project and one that will give a lot of 'real life' purpose to the learning that we will be doing across a range of curriculum areas.

I know that there are a number of parents really enthusiastic about participating in the outdoor classroom development. There will be a full update in next week's newsletter.

EOTC NEWS:(Education Outside the Classroom) For those intending to participate in the Weetbix Tryathlon there are free bike and helmet safety checks at Avantiplus Maintrax. Receive free drink bottle and enter the draw to win a bike. One bike will be given away each week for those who have had their bike checked.

BOT NEWS:

We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and had a relaxing break. Thank you for your feedback from the BOT survey conducted at the Student Led Conferences at the end of last year. We had a great response. Everyone seemed pleased with the job the Board was doing and thank you to those who volunteered to assist with the Pool Changing Room murals. I'm sure the children will appreciate their new upgraded pool and area.

As a result from your feedback we propose a new format going forward for the working bees. The majority of families have suggested they would prefer to have the working bees

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on a Friday at 3pm with a BBQ to follow. At these working bees major jobs will be done such as bark, tree felling etc. These working bees will happen when major jobs are required (possibly only 2 per year).

In the meantime, to ensure regular upkeep of the school, it was suggested that jobs be given to families during the term or holidays to be completed when it suited them such as the gardening, spraying, windows, sweeping etc. Simon Ewen, our Property Manager will have already contacted families during the break with a job to be done at your leisure before each term starts.

We will see how this new system works. **The first working bee will be on Friday 17th of February.**

A Pot Luck BBQ will follow the working bee, so please bring something to share including meat for the BBQ and eating utensils. It will be a great opportunity for the community to catch up following the Xmas break. We look forward to seeing you there next Friday the 10th at 3pm.


HOMEWORK: As we started so late in the week neither class will be starting homework until next week.

BUSES: Your drivers this week are Wharekopae- Paula Reedy, phone 8673585

Taumata – Catherine Ewen, phone 8670810

Have a great week.

Regards,



Katrina Dekker
Principal