



## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE



Kia ora e te whanau o te kura o Aorangi,

Gosh, we are nearing the middle of term 1 already - time is flying by.

Last week we held our Whanau Goal Setting Hui. I would like to thank everyone who came along to set some goals for your tamariki. We had 65% of whanau present over two nights. That is a fantastic accomplishment.

### **Vandalism:**

As many of you are aware, our kura is targeted frequently and vandalised. We have had a range of things broken from drinking fountains, signs, windows to flood lights - all of these come with a large repair fee. We are hopeful that by having our new fence completed that it makes it harder for these thugs to enter the grounds and commit these careless crimes. We only have a couple of things left to do to our fence to hopefully put an end to the vandalism. If you know who is responsible for the vandalism, please contact the school and let us know or have a word with the offenders themselves. We do use Facebook to show the photos of the offenders but we are unable to identify them clearly.

### **Fence and Gates:**

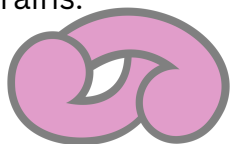
Our gates are back in use. During the hours of 9am and 2.50pm, please use the Staff Carpark gate to access the school grounds. **DO NOT** use the gate by the Caretakers Shed or this carpark. This is for courier drivers and service vehicles.

### **Supporting our Kura:**

We are always looking for whanau who are able to help us out at school. This could be working in our resource room or library sorting books, coaching sports, or helping with Breakfast Club. If you have some time on your hands to spare, we would love to invite you to come and give us a hand. Contact Anna or Whaea Billie for details.

### **Student Lunchboxes and Snacks:**

Just a reminder that we provide fruit and lunches at school. Morning tea is an option for whanau to provide. Please make sure that any food being sent to school is healthy and not full of sugar or preservatives. Our students do not need these foods as they don't sustain student brains.



## School Parking, Drop Offs and Pick Ups!!

The front of the school and carpark area is very busy before school and after school. It is really important that we are all following some simple rules in this area to keep our ākonga safe. I am sorry for all the negatives that follow but we must be sensible and considerate.

Please, absolutely **NO U-turns or 3-point-turns** directly in front of the school.

The main carpark is **NOT** a drop off zone. This area is for staff and visitors (including whanau) who are parked longer than 30 minutes.

The carparks are out of bounds for students at all times.

The carpark by the large bins is **NOT** for whanau or a drop off area, it is staff only.

Do not stop in the disabled drop off zone.

**NO** double parking or parking on yellow lines.



## Reminders:

Just a couple of reminders so we are all starting the year on the same page.

- Hats: All students are to have hats for school during term 1 and term 4. Please make sure your child has a hat and it is named.
- Drink Bottles: it is hot in our classrooms. Please make sure your child has a drink bottle with water in it.
- Arohamai Assembly will **definitely** be on **Friday 28th February** at 2.20pm. Come along and join in. Student Leaders will be announced, certificates will be handed out, and waiata will be sung.
- Classrooms open at 8.30am, Breakfast Club starts at 8am and school starts at 8.55am. Please do not have your children at school before 8am unless the school has had prior notification.

*Whaea Billie*

## IMPORTANT DATES

Keep an eye on our calendar for more events and any date changes

24th February Special 4Square Assembly  
20th March School Board Hui  
4th April Teacher Only Day **NO SCHOOL**  
11th April Last Day of Term 1

Assembly is every second week on Friday's at 2.20pm (week 5, 7, 9, 11)  
Newsletters are every second (even) week (week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10)



# Classroom News

Rooms 5/6 Middle School - Y3/4 students

**We understand:** The importance of being sun smart

**We know:** Summer sun can damage our skin our brains are healthy when hydrated

**We do:** Follow our hat and water bottle routines, before we leave for school, at and after school.

## Our Back Pack Song

Put your bottle and your hat in.... to your backpack  
Pack some snacks and some smiles and you're on your way  
Give your family a hug and tell them that you love them before you leave for school. With all of this done ... you'll be ready for your day.



## Learning our Values - Aroha - Manaakitanga- Pono - Whanaungatanga

**We understand:** our values guide so we can all get along together.

**We know:** what each value means, what they look, like, sound like and feel like.

**We know how important they are,** and how they all connect

**We do:** follow our values and teach them to others

have our own special sign language to represent our values





# COMMUNITY NEWS

A BIG thank you to the Altrusa Club for their generous donation to Aorangi School. As a fundraising project, they held a 'F' Night in November last year and all proceeds were allocated to Aorangi School. These funds will be used to support 8 students in equine therapy. Thank you to Phyl Goodwin and Wendy Morgan for presenting the funds to us.



It is with the support of local clubs and trusts in our community that allow us to provide the necessary care and support to our ākonga.



## TALANOA AKO

### ✿ Join Our Talanoa Ako Programme – Empowering Pacific Parents in Rotorua ✿

Are you a Pacific parent or caregiver eager to support your child's learning and future success? The Talanoa Ako Programme, delivered by the Rotorua Pacific Islands Development Charitable Trust (RPIDCT), is designed to help you navigate your child's educational journey with confidence.

#### 📖 What is Talanoa Ako?

A community-based programme where Pacific parents come together to:

- Understand how the NZ education system works
- Learn how to support your child through NCEA and other key learning milestones
- Build stronger connections with teachers and schools
- Share experiences and learn from other families

#### ✦ Why Attend?

- Gain the knowledge and tools to help your child thrive academically
- Learn how to have effective conversations with teachers about your child's progress
- Connect with other Pacific families in a supportive, cultural environment

📅 **When:** Wednesdays, 29 January to 2 April 2025, from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

📍 **Where:** Rotorua Methodist Church, 187 Old Taupo Road, Utuhina, Rotorua, 3015

🍷 Light refreshments provided

This is your opportunity to be an active part of your child's educational success while celebrating our Pacific values of family, culture, and community.

Spaces are limited! Register [here](#)

✉ Email: [admin@rpict.nz](mailto:admin@rpict.nz)

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Let's talanoa together and ensure our children reach their full potential! ✿

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