

## Week 1, Term 1 – 5 February 2019

Good afternoon everybody,

**Welcome to the 2019 school year.** A special welcome to our new enrolments – I hope you have a great time at Raureka!

Once again, we have a very busy year ahead with our children taking part in lots of exciting activities.

We are one of the fortunate schools in the country to be fully staffed, although we have a vacancy advertised.

A number of schools aren't and this is because we have a teacher shortage and a lot of teachers are leaving the profession because of the changes that have taken place.

I want our school to be fully staffed, with quality teachers, so we need to find a way to ensure that the Ministry of Education provides enough support for the children with special needs and also provides the time for teachers to help the students learn.

Our children deserve the best so please help us get this message across to the government.

Our staff work extremely hard to provide quality learning opportunities and we want to ensure that keeps up.

We want the school to be a great place for everyone so, please, if you have any worries, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can help.

### Welcome to our new staff member

Welcome to Leah Smythe (R19), We're sure you will love working at our great school!

### Our aim: Tohea – to Strive

We encourage children to strive to achieve, using relationships, respect, responsibility and resilience. We want this year to be all about children doing their best and being the best that they can be, where everyone is valued and respected for who they are.

### Meet the Teacher

Our teachers would like to work with you to ensure the children receive the best education. When teacher/parent and child work together – your child must achieve.

On **Monday 11 February** we have our Meet the Teacher evening. It will start at 5.30pm. Everyone will meet together first and then you will go off for 15 minute discussions with your child's teacher. You will be able to ask any questions you have at this time.

### Upcoming Events

#### Monday 11 Feb:

- **5.30pm – come along, meet the teachers and get a run down on the year ahead. All teachers will be here and will go over their class routines and goals for the year.**

#### Tomorrow 6 Feb:

- **NO SCHOOL in lieu of Waitangi Day.**

### School Donation

This year we ask for a donation of

**\$50 for one child or**

**\$75 for two or more children.**

This donation helps us to provide extras for the children.

### School Uniform

**Our uniform is compulsory. No exceptions.** All children are required to have the **royal blue polo-shirt, royal blue hat, and on colder days the royal blue polar fleece jersey.** All of these are available at the school office.

The lower half of the uniform (short, longs, skorts, skirts) **must be plain black**.... No stripes, no flowers etc, can be purchased in town.

### Parent Helpers

We love having, and are very grateful for parents who give their time to help the school – whether it be with trips, class activities sports, patrol helpers etc. With the new Vulnerable Children's Act coming into force we need to have each helper **Police vetted**. If you are able to help please collect a form from Anna at the office – she will send it off (it can take up to 8 weeks to come back to us), then you are able to help us.

**Supervision for our patrollers.** We again would be grateful for any parent who could spare ½ hr BEFORE SCHOOL ONLY, to assist our patrollers. The children are fully trained, you just need to support/supervise with them as children arrive at school. Both front and back gates need to be covered every day. Please contact Chris at the office if you can help. If you helped last year and would like to continue, please still contact Chris ☺. You will need to be Police vetted for this.

### Do your records need updating?

- Moved house?
- Phone number/Cell numbers?
- Living arrangements?
- Emergency contacts?
- Medical details?

### Stationery

This year our beginning of year stationery is not being sold at school. It is available via OfficeMax in town. Just state your child's room number.

We will continue to have 'top-up' stationery for sale throughout the year should an item be used up.

### Ipads

We are very fortunate to be able to supply 1-1 ipads for our senior classes – these are managed by school staff. We want children to use them appropriately, therefore, *any apps that are loaded have been checked by staff for their educational value.* Our internet also has a block on it to stop children entering inappropriate sites.

### Other Notices

- **Lunch orders – available Tuesday and Friday only.** Healthy food only every other day. **WATER ONLY IS PERMITTED AT SCHOOL.** You can order food from either dairy. Twice per term we have Hells Pizza orders – check our newsletter.

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### SCHOOL APP

**We have a School Mobile App. It has noti events, ways to contact the office for absences even has the latest newsletter on it. You download it for free on either an Iphone or And. Go to this link <http://onelink.to/d4udwm>. We use this to let you know about upcoming evi any emergencies, for assembly notices.**

