



Te Rapa Primary School

An effective, quality full primary school (NE – Yr 8)

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Newsletter

Thursday 20th August 2020

School Student Roll : 562

Currently Operating Under Alert Level 2 Protocols.....

WHAT'S HOT

We have avoided Alert Level 3 for the moment
Te Rapa HEART values ... being Kind
Lots of our students stepping up to show leadership

WHAT'S NOT

COVID-19 : Starting to have an impact on children here at school
Some children behaving poorly, and not showing respect to others
School Events - No audience allowed. ***Sorry Parents.***

COVID-19 Level #2

COVID-19 has obviously re-emerged and I am certainly very appreciative of our school's collective 'roll up our sleeves' attitude to this. I have formally thanked all of our Te Rapa Primary TEAM for actively playing a part in what's potentially ahead of us. As a school community we all need to be determined that *'this thing isn't going to get the better of us'*, so please sensitively promote this approach at home. Please also be kind, patient and support each other too.

Communication : COVID-19 Updates

I will do my very best to communicate as frequently as I can to our parent community, and I would ask that you all continue to be well read even when it is information overload. Stuff is coming in extra quickly from Wellington, and as Principal my job is to filter this and share it with you as soon as possible. I apologise now in advance for sending you lots of "stuff to read".

Student Attitude and Behaviour

We have noticed a real spike in disruptive / negative and disrespectful behaviours from our students over these last 5 weeks. We are half way through Term 3 and we are dealing with a number of disciplinary matters involving children who we would not normally expect to be involved. In a school of 562 we will always have monitored students who we must work with very closely because they struggle to comply and follow rules, but there are a number of others who are now getting involved in silly things too. The COVID-19 pandemic is having an effect on us all, and this includes us as adults, but it also includes our children. Some are doing things that we might not normally expect of them. We acknowledge that it is a stressful time for many of our Te Rapa families, and when there is pressure at home it unfortunately flows into the school, and the opposite also applies when something happens at school it will impact on a child / family at home.

Please create regular opportunities to spend time with your children and remind them of your expectations. They do need to be constantly reminded, and coaching our children re. attitudes and behaviours, and also modelling what's required, is really crucial right now. Silence can allow them too much freedom, so provide them with the guidance now and keep the advice ongoing.

Understanding the Landscape and Being Prepared

Please be extra tolerant and appreciate that things are not quite right for any of us right now. We know why this is ... and we all know we are in extraordinary times. Now is the time we must constantly help ourselves and those around us in different ways. The "normal" simply doesn't apply right now. If your child is sharing something that doesn't sound right, then you need to intervene. You must monitor things to ensure matters do not escalate. Put a stop to things as soon as you sense something isn't right. Unfortunately many of our young people can and do choose not to share with us until things have progressed too far. When this happens there is a consequence.

PLEASE : Make it your business to know your child's business

Don't wait, and then start keeping an eye on things. **Do it now every day.** You need to know what your child is doing after school / early evening (at home or out on the street). You also need to monitor what they are looking at on-line and who they are communicating with too. Remember there are rules about the minimum age for children on Facebook or other social media. If your child is mixed up in something they shouldn't be, then try to be patient and avoid pointing the blame at anyone / everyone else. As the parent move quickly to put a halt to what's happened, and then allow yourself time to process the situation before looking for solutions to ensure there are no repeat(s) going forward for your child. Unfortunately during COVID-19 we will continue to see some NZ children making poor choices. We cannot look for excuses, because many will have a lot going on in their lives which we know nothing about. All adults in a child's life must take responsibility for coaching and guiding our children on how to get things right, and where possible we should be alert and proactive so we can 'nip things in the bud' before they happen. If things do happen, we must learn from our mistakes to ensure behaviour patterns are avoided.

Being a Team ...

Lots of NZ families are finding things extra hard right now, and if there are things happening in your family circle that might impact on your son / daughter then please communicate with your child's class teacher. They need to know so they are better placed to understand any change to a child's attitude and / or behaviour. They can then look to initiate positive change here at school where we can, and keep you informed. We can also support what you are looking to do at home too. Sharing what's going on at home that might cause your child stress, anxiety or similar at school allows us to help. We will do the same should we see anything at school, and when we do ask for your assistance at home please respond positively. It's important that we are all actively involved, communicating effectively and operating as a **TEAM**.

Te Rapa H.E.A.R.T

REMINDER - Our focus for Weeks 5 & 6 is **"AROHA"** or **"caring"**. Parents / carers are asked to regularly remind your children to set goals for themselves which includes **"showing kindness and caring to others"**. Our students are being encouraged to show kindness and to look for ways they can be 'caring' here at school. Please help us at home by actively promoting all of our **Te Rapa HEART** values.

Focusing on the "Good"

Across our school we continue to **"catch em' being good"** wherever and whenever we can. I am really pleased to have hosted lots of children in my office who have secured their 6 x Incentive Award coupons. Lots of our children are doing their best, and we are extremely proud of them and the effort they are making. They are our role models, who are 'seeking attention' for all of the right reasons. They are deserving of the accolades that come their way, and we will continue to heap praise and encouragement on those children who we see ...

- Achieving Excellence in Attendance / Punctuality
 - ◊ **Getting to school at the appropriate time, and returning to class immediately after a bell sounds**
- Completing Quality Class Work
 - ◊ **Doing our personal best, seeking improvement and looking to strive for personal excellence in all we do**
- Demonstrating 'Te Rapa HEART'
 - ◊ **Showing and promoting our school values, and always trying our best to be a good person and a good citizen**
- Making a Positive Contribution to their Class / Group / Team
 - ◊ **Sharing and working with others, and doing our best to add value to what self and others are doing together**
- Giving Service / Helpfulness to Peers / Staff / School
 - ◊ **Unselfishly lending a hand to assist others, and doing things to help without always being asked**
- Giving Positive Support to our School Environment
 - ◊ **Looking after our school, and things at our school, and caring about our school community / environment**

School Events (COVID-19)

Currently all mid-week and weekend inter-school fixtures are either being modified, suspended or cancelled. I sit on the Waikato Full Primary Schools Assn Executive, and my role is similar to that of Patron. Earlier this week the WFPSA cancelled the annual Yr 7 & 8 Cross Country event scheduled to be held in Te Aroha in mid September. This event draws senior students from 40 – 50 schools from the Midlands and King Country area, Waikato and Thames Valley too and also from schools on the Coromandel Peninsular. Events like this simply host too many children. It is sad that our best will miss out on competing on the big stage in a number of different events / areas this year.

A Student Leader's Voice

What is student leadership to me ?

Leadership is doing by example so everyone follows in the correct way. Also the ability to use your voice to make a positive change and to be able to be heard / seen. While being a leader you get to assist people in distress and work alongside them to get them through to the other side. Te Rapa has great opportunities to lead others in the right direction and helps you do what's best. My school is always willing to help you and it cares towards people who want to become a positive leader. I love being in Te Rapa because everyone is kind, caring and will always give you support towards your problems to help you overcome them. Our school is a great place to make lots of heartfelt memories.

By **Hayley** Yr 8 R.21 **Student Council**

A Student Leader's Voice

What is student leadership to me ?

Leadership to me means doing the right thing all of the time. It is also about leading others in a positive and productive way, but not in a bossy way. Being a student leader at Te Rapa Primary School means being a really good role model for people who are younger than you. All older students, and adults, are role models and we need to set an example showing others the right way to behave. This is important and is what leadership means to me.

By **Sophia** Yr 8 R.18 **Student Council**

Team & Group Photos 2020

These have been completed and Masterpiece photography are currently liaising with our Photo Co-ordinator **Mrs Melissa Larsen** (R.7). Unfortunately our **class / individual photo** orders have been severely delayed due to the lockdown in Auckland. The printers / processors only have a limited staff at work, and there is hold-ups with couriers too. We are still aiming for delivery at the end of next week.

Ashurst Park Playing Fields

We are still waiting to gain access to the other parts of Ashurst Park. We will share more with our parent community once we know more.

COVID-19 ... What's Next ??

We obviously need to be ready for a new COVID-19 landscape at school at any time, and tomorrow (Friday 21st August) we will know more. Te Rapa Primary School staff have been asked to be ready for a possible move to Alert Level 3. Our aim is to improve how we managed things at Te Rapa last time, with a focus on supporting each other and everyone 'chipping in' to carry some of the load.

Thanks to those parents / carers who completed the Alert Level 3 survey indicating that you are an 'essential support worker' and you cannot keep your child(ren) at home. Please remember **ONLY children of 'essential support workers' attend school during Alert Level 3**. All other children are to remain at home. Our school will look to design and implement a distance learning programme for students at home.

Thank you for your continued support of Te Rapa Primary *Waikato Top School* 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019
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V W Franklin (Principal) and Staff

Mathethon 2020



Mathethon 2020 is underway at Te Rapa Primary!

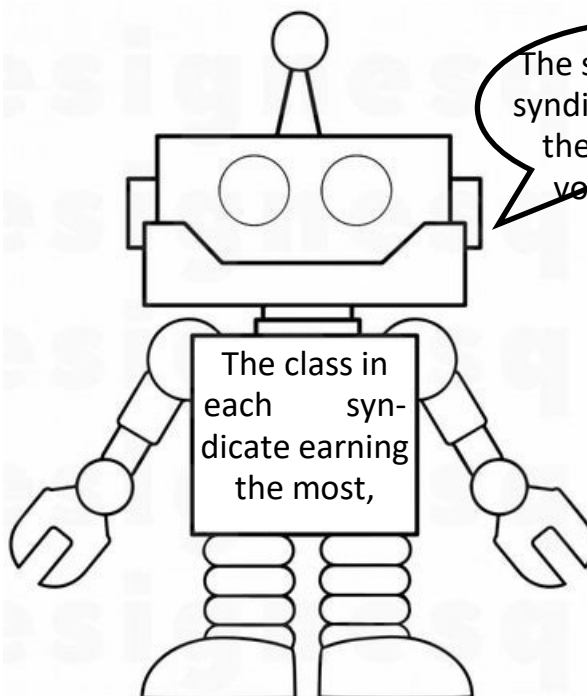
You will be helping us raise money through sponsorship, to buy exciting new Digital Technologies Curriculum resources.

We're focusing on basic counting and multiplication skills.

Students are already well underway, aiming to improve both their speed and accuracy!

Visit : <https://www.studyladder.co.nz/about/fundraising-mathethon> to support your children to gain skill in this important area of the Mathematics Curriculum.

On the challenge day in week 6, students will have 2 minutes to answer as many basic facts as they can.



There are also spot prizes to

We need our students to keep collecting sponsors!



Edisons are codable robots you can build onto with lego to create, invent and problem solve.

Let your imagination fly!



Help Colby find the cheese in the maze you have designed!

Thank you for your support!

As part of Room 9's Term 2, 2020 Inquiry the children learnt the difference between extinct and endangered. Do you know that the Kākāpō, one of our precious native birds, is critically endangered? The children discovered that without help the Kakapo could become extinct during their lifetime.

This led them to investigate what was being done and what Room 9 could do. They discovered living Kākāpō can be found on three predator free islands around New Zealand. Room 9 were so motivated in their learning they decided to take After finding out \$25 can feed a Kakapo (pellets) for one month, the children were motivated to develop a Room 9 plan to donate to the Department Of Conservation Kākāpō Recovery Programme. As a result a 'Win, Win Event' was organised. This involved each child donating a pre-loved toy, game, book etc that they no longer use (we have discussed lots of possibilities and that



Room 9



ADO

KĀKA-

The goal was \$25 but they raised \$100 so decided to adopt a Kākāpō, Waikawa.

Waikawa hatched in 2011 and lives on Codfish Island/Whenua Hou. She was the first kākāpō to hatch successfully after being artificially incubated immediately after the egg was laid. Sadly, only one of her four chicks survived to fledge. While she proved to be an excellent mum and had an impressively huge and waterproof hollow under a rock for her nest, intense rain caused flash flooding on the island, which wiped out her nest. Her one chick is called Makorea, meaning survivor.

SPORTS RESULTS

Netball Results

Te Rapa Ravens vs HDS Dynamite
Te Rapa Raiders vs Southwell
Te Rapa Magic vs Fairfield Intermediate 8B
Te Rapa Ravens vs Maeroa Thunderbirds
Te Rapa Keas 1st game win 4-1, 2nd game loss 2-4

Result

Win 24-11
Loss 15-1
Win 16-11
Win 17-6

Player of the Day

Georgia
Hannah
Jamie
Kayleigh
McKenzie

Fairplay

Isla
Aleeya
Ava
Corbyn
Ruby

Hockey

Te Rapa Tornados vs Vardon
Te Rapa Titans vs CMS A

Win 3-1
Loss 7-0

Katie
Maliyah

EAT TO ENERGIZE

EAT YOUR FOOD GROUPS: GO

Grain foods are your body's main source of fuel. It is important to eat these to ensure you have the energy to last the whole game.

WEETBIX

GRAINY BREAD SANDWICH

BRAN MUFFIN

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EAT TO ENERGIZE

DURING SPORT

At half time remember to rehydrate with water. Have small sips – if you need to eat try having a small piece of fruit.

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Jump Ball Academy is running a 7 Week Development Program for school years 1 - 4 starting this coming Saturday. The program is for any kids wanting to learn the game of basketball over a 7 week program starting with the absolute basics. All training sessions will be fun based skill learning as well as being designed to encourage character and confidence building ! Every Saturday @ The Peak, 15th Aug-26th Sept, 9.00am-10.30am. \$120 per term. Limited spots available. If anyone is interested please get them to email us at Jumpballacademy@gmail.com Head to Jumpballacademy.co.nz for more information.

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