



# Te Kura Pūkenga o Rotorua

## Rotorua Specialist School

### Panui / News

2nd May 2024 Week 1 Term 2

**Nau mai, hoki mai ki te Te Kura Pūkenga o Rotorua**



***OUR NEW PLAYGROUND IS LOOKING FABULOUS***

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**Tena koutou Katoa** Welcome back to Term 2. We do hope you all got to spend some time together relaxing over the 2 week break. It was lovely to welcome back our students to kura and hear their stories and experiences from their holidays. Term 2 is a busy term with lots of exciting things happening here, for example our Matariki Festival of Learning /Grandparents (special friends) Day and our senior school Matariki Ball. Our science topic is all about rocks and minerals, where there will be plenty of hands-on-activities and experiments for our young scientists. so let's get rocking!

**Cell Phones** - To comply with government regulations, we ensure students do not use cellphones during school hours, however our Board of Trustees have made an exception for Room 6 students. They are allowed to use their phones for music during break times only. Parents/Caregivers can request an exemption from the school if required. We allow exemptions for students to use cellphones if they are required for:

- a specific educational purpose approved by a teacher
- health needs (e.g. to monitor insulin levels)
- disability or learning support needs
- a special circumstance approved by the principal.

My suggestion is that unless your child really needs their phone to be at school that it stays at home. If you need to contact your child or they need to contact you we can easily enable this through the office.

**Successful ERO Report** - We are thrilled with our recent successful ERO report. Congratulations to everyone for taking part in this evaluation experience. Please click on link below to read our full report.

<https://ero.govt.nz/institution/1772/rotorua-specialist-school-te-kura-pukenga-o-rotorua>

**School Photos - Wednesday 8th May** Photo Life will be coming in on Wednesday next week to take our school photos. We do ask that everyone is nice and tidy for this special photo day. When the class photos are ready, Photo Life will email you with an access code if you wish to purchase a photo.

**PTA** - A big mihi to Whaea Angela van der Bruggen for leading our new PTA. The goal for our PTA is to support and help our kura. To give service and organise fundraising activities to provide improved facilities and opportunities for the school, staff, students and their whānau. Finally, to bring parents and teachers together in social activities. If you would like to take part in this awesome roopu, please contact Angela here at kura.

**SPECIALISTS MORNING TEA - MAHI TAHI (WORKING TOGETHER)** We would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and whānau to come along and meet our wonderful Specialist Team on **Thursday 16th May at 9.30am**. They will be speaking about their roles and can answer any questions you may have. Please come along and share a lovely morning tea with us. (See Flyer in this newsletter)

Have a great weekend everyone.

*Kia tatou ka ako, ka awhi, ka piki ake*  
"Together we Learn, Care and Excel"

**Ngā mihi**

**Lorraine and Staff**

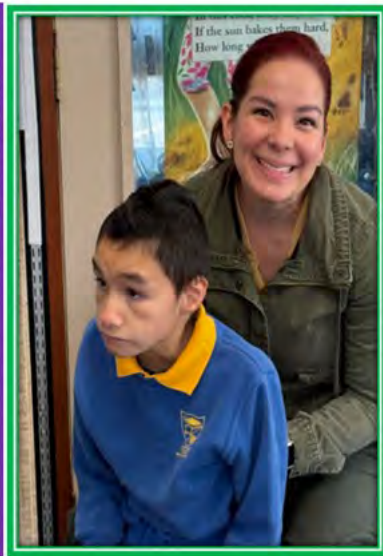
**Tumuaki | Principal**



**Featured Class this week - Owhata Satellite Class**

**Kaiako - Tina Rewi McRoy and our teacher aides Marilyn Campos-Castro, Dhayna Walden, Karen McIntosh and Vicki Harris. Students - Rex Moke Evetts, Pedro Kingi, Cylis Clarke, Ivy Cooper, Te Waiora Himona-Eparaima and Ben Kingi.**

***"All of our tamariki and staff are happy to be back at school and we can't wait to see what exciting and wonderful things that Term 2 brings." Tina.***



Having fun in their morning music programme



Some very happy students and staff in our new playground at Malfroy School. A big mihi to Matua Steve and Matua Ash for repairing our playground.

*Pānui from our BOT*

**Rotorua Specialist School Board of Trustees  
Casual vacancy for a parent representative**

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.  
The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

**Request for a by-election should be sent to:**

*Terena Wara (Presiding Member)*

*Rotorua Specialist School*

*Te Kura Pukenga o Rotorua Board of Trustees*

[36 Kea Street, Rotorua](#)

**by: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024**



**CONGRATULATIONS E TE WHĀNAU.**

*Taken from our recent ERO report -*

***Strengths*** *The school can draw from the following strengths to support the school in its goal to evaluate the extent to which curriculum initiatives are responsive to the specific needs of students and extending learning outcomes.*

- ***Whānau input regularly contributes to an adaptative curriculum where students achieve their individual goals.***
- ***Systems and processes that are responsive to the holistic needs of learners and their whānau.***
- ***Leadership creates conditions for innovative solutions to sustain improved outcomes for learners.***
- ***Class curriculum is specifically adapted to respond to the unique profiles identified by whānau and each learner's views in each class.***
- ***Leadership is distributed and actively works to be responsive to create conditions for improving outcomes for learners.***

***Where to next?***

***Moving forward, the school will prioritize:***

- ***reviewing the school's strategic goals and strengthening how these link to the annual implementation plan and supporting actions to further improve the curriculum, teaching, learning and its impact on student outcomes***
- ***further refining how the school curriculum is responding to whānau aspirations for tamariki and rangatahi.***

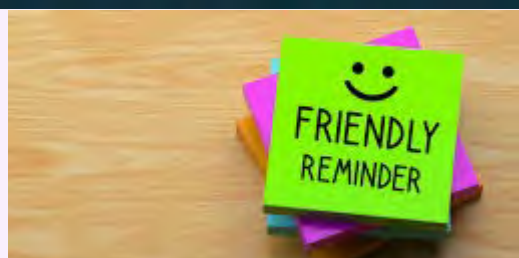
***ERO's role will be to support the school in its evaluation for improvement cycle to improve outcomes for all learners. ERO will support the school in reporting their progress to the community. The next public report on ERO's website will be a Te Ara Huarau | School Evaluation Report and is due within three years.***

*Shelley Booyesen*  
*Director of Schools*

# Bal-a-vis-x



A big mihi to Matua Campbell for delivering Bal a Vis X PD to our staff. Bal A Vis x stands for Balance Auditory Visual Exercises. These are the exercises that we are currently learning so we can teach our students. It is a safe, rhythmic, predictable, relational sensory experience. The exercises incrementally become more challenging, allowing the participants to experience predictable, moderate, and controllable amounts of stress, which leads to resilience.



**Friendly Reminder TEACHER ONLY DAY - PROFESSIONAL LEARNING - 4th June 2024** - As part of our Professional Learning for this year we will be having a Teacher Only Day on **Specialist Schools Assessment** next term on Tuesday, 4th June. We are giving all of our parents and whānau lots of warning, so you will have time to organise alternative arrangements for your child on this day please. Our kura will be closed for all students on this day. We appreciate your support with this kaupapa and thank you in advance for your understanding.



Elkay-Ray Pere-Wicky - For showing such concentration and perseverance when working on his literacy activities

Ethan Gouveia - For completing his learning activities and showing perseverance

Azarias Cobb - For leading the class during outdoor walk.

Waimarie Cunningham - For awesome participation and effort in hockey.

David Findlay - Working hard and helping others.

Khaleesiah Assen - for kindness and care to her peers when they are upset.

Matthew Warren - For using his skip counting knowledge, to help him solve multiplication equations and Number Stories.

James Hunia - For a positive attitude and being ready to join in with all our class activities.

Deva Benny - For showing patience while waiting for your turn during our morning circle.

Braxtyn Rangiwhetu-Paul - For: Being an active participant during PMP sessions

Maxwell Bretherton - Giving everything a go and promoting a positive attitude to your classmates.

Charley Aranui - Awesome participation in class activities

Rex - Excellent Horse-riding and Physiotherapy. Ka rawe Rex

Cruze De Har-Hynds - For coming to school nearly everyday and playing nicely with his classmates. "Ka pai Cruze".



**Rotorua Specialist School - Te Kura Pūkenga o Rotorua**  
Just a reminder to all our parents, caregivers and whānau that there is a Facebook page set up just for our school.

Search: **Rotorua Specialist School** and ask to join. This is a forum where we get to celebrate our students learning. We encourage everyone to join.

# JASE WILLIAMS

**BUILDING CONNECTED WHĀNAU**



**THERE ARE NO PARENTING OR RELATIONSHIP MANUALS ...WE LEARN AS WE GO.**

AS ADULTS, WE NEED TO SHOW UP FOR OURSELVES BEFORE WE CAN SHOW UP FOR OUR KIDS AND PARTNERS AT HOME.

But what does that mean and what does that look like?

**Come and learn alongside Trauma Informed Education Consultant and former school principal, Jase Williams, who has been working with us; supporting us to better understand both student and adult behaviour.**

**Wednesday 15 May**

**6-7.30pm**

**Western Heights Primary School (KPMSC)**



**Kai provided**



**Free Entry**



**x5 Pak'n'Save Vouchers to be won!**



**OUR KIDS ONLINE**  
CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION  
BY ROB COPE

**Monday 20 May**  
**7:00pm**  
**WHHS School Hall**

a **FREE** parent evening  
for our community

limited seating ~ book here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/whsourkidsonline>



#### **ON LINE SAFETY TALK**

This is an open invitation to all parents and caregivers with tamariki attending schools within Te Maru o Ngongotahā Kāhui Ako as we want our schools to be a safe place.

Because of the rapidly changing times our tamariki are growing up in and the mounting challenges and harms they are facing online, we need to start talking about and tackling this as a community.

As such, we have organised Filmmaker, Author and Speaker Rob Cope, producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online" to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk (content not suitable for children).

His talk will cover aspects such as: Cyberbullying; Social Media; Gaming and the Developing Brain; Online predators; Online Porn vs Healthy Sexuality. Rob will also

**discuss practical solutions like: Filters; Boundaries; 3 Golden Rules; Talking to your Children; and Reconnecting as a Family.**

**This is a FREE parent/caregiver evening for our Kahui Ako community (content not suitable for children).**

**As a bonus, Rob and the team from 'Our Kids Online' are gifting every family who attends this event a one-years complimentary subscription to "The Big Reconnect" a cyber safety parenting course designed specifically for NZ families. This usually retails for \$99 per family. Show up and get it for free!**

**Limited seating, book here: <https://tinyurl.com/whhsourkidsonline>**

## HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO NOTICE GROUPS



TO JOIN YOUR SKOOL LOOP APP NOTICE GROUPS, SIMPLY FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW:

- > Go to the 'Settings' tile in the bottom right hand corner of the Home Screen
- > Go to 'Subscribe to groups'
- > Tap to select the group/s you would like to receive notifications from
- > You're good to go - you will now receive all notices sent to the groups you have subscribed to

### NEED MORE INFO?

Call Skool Loop Aus on 1800 203 493

Call Skool Loop NZ on 0800 238 379



## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term 2

#### Week 1

Friday 3rd May - Whole School Assembly 1.45pm

#### Week 2

Wednesday 8th May - School Photos

#### Week 3

Thursday 16th May - Specialist Teachers Morning Tea for whanau

**Friday 17th May - PINK SHIRT DAY -Whole School Assembly 1.45pm**

**Week 5**

Tuesday 28th May - BOT hui 5pm

Friday 31st May - Whole School Assembly 1.45pm

**Week 6**

**Monday 3rd June - Kings Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Tuesday 4th June - TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Week 7 -**

Thursday 13th June - School Cross Country

Friday 14th June - School Cross Country

**Week 8**

**Friday 21st June - Matariki Festival of Learning / Grandparents day**

**Week 9**

**Wednesday 26th June - MATARIKI BALL (13yrs and up)**

**Friday 28th June - MATARIKI DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Week 10**

Tuesday 2nd July - BOT hui 5pm

**Term 3**

Monday 22nd July - First day of term 3

**2024 Term Dates**

Term 2: Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 4th June

Term 3: Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4: Monday 14 October - Friday 20 December (half day)

**2024 Public Holidays (during term time):**

**Term 2:**

Anzac Day - 25 April

King's Birthday - Monday 3rd June

**Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 4th June**

Matariki - 28 June

**Term 4:**

Labour Day - 28 October



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