



# Raumati Beach School

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## NEWS

Term 2

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Dear Parents and Guardians

A warm welcome back to everyone. It was great to see students and parents coming back over the pedestrian crossing last Monday the first day of return after the shift back to Level 2. As I said in my Facebook post last Friday, I have been very pleased with the return to school. Despite the builders setting off the fire alarm at 9.05am on the first day and then disconnecting power to our boiler on the coldest day of the year, so far things have gone smoothly. Students have adjusted well to the "new normal," under Level 2 school life. They appear to be very much enjoying the split morning tea and lunch times as this is providing them with extra space. It is something that we will look to review once we enter Level 1, but there may be an opportunity to run with this approach for at least the winter term.

Thank you for your cooperation with following our Level 2 procedures. It is great to see parents continue to scan the QR codes as they enter the school grounds as well as following the signage around the school. If your QR code is not working you can also email us at [contacttracing@raumatibeach.school.nz](mailto:contacttracing@raumatibeach.school.nz) Please provide your name, contact number and the time you were on site.

### STAFF MOVEMENTS

We will have two staff changes at the end of this term. Prisca MacDonald (DP) and Matt Van Wheeler are spreading their wings and off to new adventures.

Matt has been a part of RBS since 2015. During this time Matt has been a classroom teacher, a Professional Learning Group Leader and a Team Leader in the Year 5 & 6 area. Matt has huge enthusiasm for teaching and his students, his sense of humour and commitment to the school will be missed. We wish Matt all the very best as he heads away from the state system to the private education sector with his move to the One School Global Campus in Elsdon.

Prisca MacDonald has been the Deputy Principal at RBS since 2012. Prisca has had a significant impact on the teaching and learning while here. Her outstanding curriculum knowledge has guided staff and developed us all professionally. Prisca was instrumental in championing our move to restorative practice and her interest and passion for the welfare of students is remarkable. Prisca leaves RBS and heads to the NZ Education Council. Her new role will involve Initial Teacher Education as well as Effective Teacher appraisal and practice. While we are very sad to see Prisca depart we know that she is heading into an area for which she has huge passion.

We wish both Matt and Prisca all the very best for their future careers.


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We welcome Jonathan Thompson onto the staff at RBS. Jonathan will take over the teaching of Matt Van Wheeler's class at the beginning of Term 3. Jonathan is an experienced teacher who brings a wealth of experiences to teaching. Previously having also worked in the film industry in a previous occupation, as well as time spent at an International School in Singapore, Jonathan will bring a new skill set to RBS. We are looking forward to having him as part of our team.

### **YEAR 5 & 6 TEAM LEADERS**

Jenni Adams and Paul Gilbert will be filling the Team Leader roles in Year 5 & 6 from the start of Term 3. We are delighted to have them as part of the wider leadership team.

### **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL POSITION**

Over the next few weeks we will be beginning to work through the process of filling Prisca MacDonald's position. Initially an acting person will be appointed to allow us to work through consultation and preparation of job descriptions etc. We will let you know the process once we have this in place.

### **STAFF CARPARK**

On more mundane matters...Please do not drive into the staff carpark whether before or after school to drop off or pick up your child. This is a high pedestrian area and not designed to be used by parents. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

With cooler weather we have noticed a small number of students wearing non uniform sweatshirts in class. Please make sure that your child has a school sweatshirt. Students may also wear black or navy blue polyprops under the uniform shirt.

Ka kite ano

Mike Farrelly  
Principal

## ***SCHOOL NOTICES***

Dear Students, Parents and Whanau of Raumati Beach School

I am writing to inform you that as of the start of Term 3, I will be taking up a position as a Team Leader with the NZ Teachers' Council.

I wish to thank this community for its kindness, support and care of me and my children during my time here - I have many life-long memories to treasure. I hope to continue to support and enhance excellence in teaching in my new role, and to ensure that the well-being and learning of each child in New Zealand Aotearoa is a priority for the profession.

I wish the students of RBS and their whanau all joy and courage in the years ahead.

*'Kia hora te marino, kia whakapapa pounamu te moana, kia tere te karohirohi, imua i tou huarahi'* – may the calm be widespread, may the ocean glisten as greenstone, may the shimmer of light ever dance across your pathway.

*Prisca MacDonald*

## EARTHQUAKE PROCEDURES

Following the recent earthquakes we have experienced, we thought it would be a good idea to share with you our school earthquake procedures.

The procedure for what to do in the event of a major earthquake is on view in every classroom, as well as the library, the hall and our office spaces.

The earthquake procedure has been developed in consultation with WREMO- the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office.

In an earthquake we drop, cover and hold, preferably under a table or a desk. If there aren't any tables or we are outside, the advice is to crouch on the ground and cover your head. For the juniors, they are encouraged to be 'turtle safe'.

If an earthquake is long and/or strong, we evacuate the whole school over to the Kapiti College tennis courts. In the unlikely event of a tsunami, the tennis courts are on higher ground. They have been identified by WREMO as the evacuation point for Raumati Beach School, Kapiti College, Raumati Beach Kindergarten and Kapiti Children's Centre.

Each year our school takes part in the New Zealand shakeout. This is our national earthquake drill where we are reminded of the right action to take during an earthquake-drop, cover and hold. The date for the shakeout this year is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 9.30am.

Please feel free to contact Julie Morris (DP) for further information.

## NEW SENIOR HOODIES

Our new Year 7/8 hoodies are now available for purchase and looking fabulous! To order please go to [argyleonline.co.nz](http://argyleonline.co.nz). Sample sizes are held in the office if your child would like to pop down to try one on.



## MESSAGE FROM BEE REGIONAL DENTAL SERVICE

Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service are pleased to inform you we are able to start doing dental checks from our mobiles in schools at level 2. We can examine any child who is well (from class) using strict infection prevention and control processes. Your child's temperature may be checked with a thermometer prior to entering the mobile. If a child has a temperature higher than 38° we will defer your child's examination until they are well. Parents should contact us on 0800Talkteeth if they do not want their child to receive their dental check at school. This will be recorded in the child's notes as either a temporary or permanent consent change.

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Sasha Room 8, Year 2

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1 June	Queen's Birthday
11 June	Y8 Gardasil 1 Immunisation
16 June	Y7 Vision Screening
3 July	End of Term Two
20 July	Start of Term Three
22 July	Parent Teacher Meetings – 2pm finish
23 July	Parent Teacher Meetings continue

## SPORTS, MUSIC, COMMUNITY NOTICES

*(The community advertisements are provided as a service to our community. Raumati Beach School does not endorse the following organisations or services and advises due diligence on the part of those employing their services and/or goods.)*

Looking for a kind and responsible person for after school care starting Term 3 (20 July) - pick up from school and take home. Light home tasks (reading with younger child, afternoon tea, game etc) 3pm - 5.30/6.30 pm. 3- 5 days a week, Two children (9 and 12).

For more information please email [priscamacdonald@gmail.com](mailto:priscamacdonald@gmail.com) OR text/ring 0210439396



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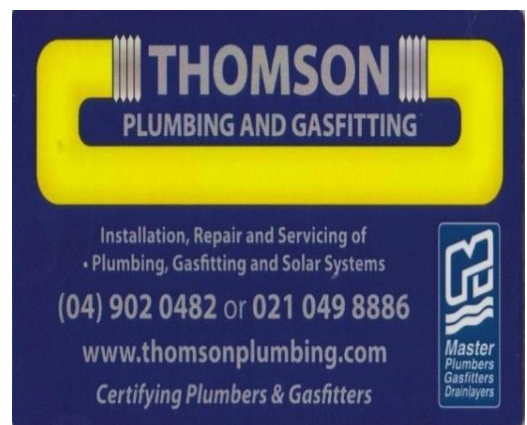
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