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THE ROTORUA & DISTRICT PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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- Colin Watkins
- Roger Dempster
- Tony Pope
- Andrew Sinclair
- Bob Stiles
- Deb Epp
- Garry De Thierry
- Linda Woon
- Lynn Burrell
- Warwick Moyle

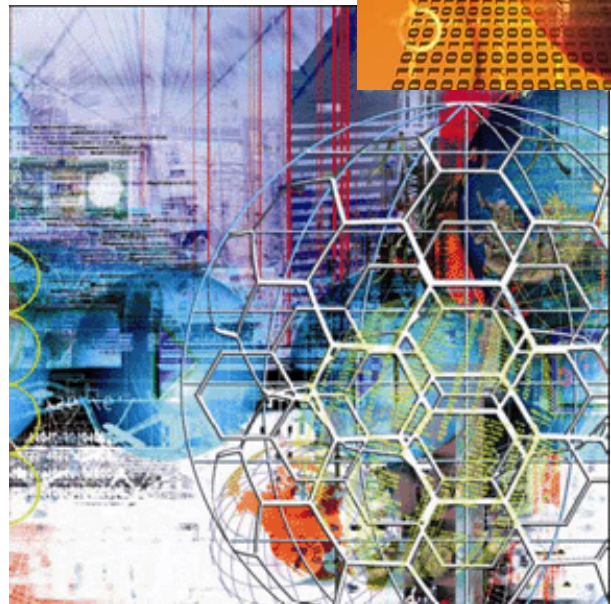
OTONGA ROAD AND AORANGI PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHOSEN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE

Otonga Road and Aorangi Primary Schools are among 100 lucky schools in NZ to be offered an 80% subsidy from the Ministry of Education for an infrastructure upgrade to Ultrafast Broadband.

The School Network Upgrade Project Stage 3 addresses cables, switches, servers and associated electrical power upgrades.

The Project will provide schools with a reliable, high performance data network. This will support a 21st Century learning environment and allow schools to use an expanded range of digital learning objects, online assessment and e-portfolio tools. The upgrade will include capacity for future expansion.

Linda Woon, Principal of Otonga Road Primary School stated that they were really thrilled to be included and are ready to go having had plans drawn up to MoE specifications.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Otonga Primary School** - Otonga students celebrated their year of learning with student-led conferences on 26th November. 3 or 4 interviews happened simultaneously. Students discussed their portfolios and took their parents to various learning stations around their classroom. Some children brought their whole family along, brothers, sisters grandparents and uncles and aunties.
- **Rangitahi College** - Rangitahi College celebrated successes for 2009 at Prizegiving on 19th November. One of the highlights was the end of the role Mr John Carlyon, As Commissioner, has in the school. ERO approved the removal of the Commissioner & for the school community to put a Board of Trustees in place. The Commissioner had been at Rangitahi College for five years and the new Principal, staff, students and the community are pleased to now be in control of the school and it's future.
- **Website Update** - New links now on RPA Website for Settlement Support, Health Promoting Schools and Sport Bay of Plenty.

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY/RPA EVENTS

- **Kaitao Middle School Invitation** - The staff (yes staff) of Kaitao will be performing their annual production during the second last week of Term 4, Tuesday 8th and 9th December at 7pm. We would like to invite all interested teachers from all Rotorua schools to a free show and wine and cheese to celebrate the end of the year. The show is entitled "Not Another Scary Play" and is a spoof on the film "Twilight" and "High School Musical" with plenty of fun, singing, dance and music and will be performed in our new performing arts centre. A poster advertising the event and asking for numbers attending will be sent out nearer to the show which will be on Wednesday 9th at 7pm. We appreciate that this is a busy time of year, but would love to see you there.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **RPA Exec Meeting** - 03/12/09 @ Ed Centre 8am - **CANCELLED**
- **NZEI Graduation Evening** - 04/12/09
- **100% Attendance Award Presentation** - 08/12/09 @ Council Chambers 1pm
- **RPA BBQ** - 11/12/09 @ John & Cathryn's House

100% ATTENDANCE STUDENTS

Rotorua Boys High School - Adam Bow, Amara McEwan, Ill Hwan (Jonathan) Lee, Jared Wilson, Kevin Kim, Mark Steele, Robert Pak, Samuel Putai, Tai Stephens and Trent Murray

Rotorua Girls High School - Amanda Lowe, Amber Johnston, Angela Hu, Anna Wilson, Anujawathi Dharama, Charlene Porteous-Watt, Chloe Fear, Chrisna Swart, Danielle Robinson, Denise Dube, Emma Banham, Hazel Villanranda, Jamie Bow, JooYeon (Jamie) Lee, Katie Wilson, Keelie Elder, Liyin (Yvonne) Long, Makuini Warbrick, Rashpinder Mann, Shannon O'Donnell, Sharelle Abbott, Sonya Rolston, SooYoung (Shirley) Moon, Stoney Varghese, Toria Vina and Wairata Warbrick

Mokoia Intermeidate School - Jun Lee, Kiana Matthews, Saphyre Swanson and Thomas Picken

Rotorua Int. - Andrew Park, Andrew Thompson, Bronson Horomia, Cindy Huang, Daele Stainton, Hannah Thompson, Hine-I-Kauia Kopu, Imogen Wara, Jayme Hunter, Jessica Hall, Jessica Lee, Joshua McKenzie, Julian Timoti, Kelsie McFarlane, Mark Sto-Domingo, Miria Cook, Nathan McKenzie, Priyeshel Kumar, Sean Thomas, Tatiyana Morgan, Treston Stokes-Ngatokorua and Victoria Thompson

St Michaels Catholic School - Hamish Banks and Liam Black

Aorangi Primary School - Deana Porter, Jessica Pihama-Long and Tarlia Broughton

Kawaha Point Primary School - Ally Maye Parker, Arapeta Henderson, Elaine Duncan, Ezekiel Black, Katelynne Ibbotson and Kaushal Sharma

Malfroy Primary School - Alicia Staniford, Anton Ripi-Adams, Aydon Sullivan-Hona, Bailey Morrison, Callum Stephenson and Carlos Chisnall

Kaitao Middle School - Lachlan Gray and Joe Lee

Ngongotaha Primary School - Bayley Martin, Blayze Marino, Brooke Stevens, Calius Whare, Cameron Astwood, Carlee Reihana, Courtnee Martin, Jack Savage-Tamai, Joshua Whare, Kalolaine Palei, Leah Ngatai, Maija Waiomio, Nadine Katene, Nikki Jacobs, Phoenix Nepia, Quinn Wineti, Stacey Mohi and Sunny Yang

Reporoa College - Charlotte Burberry, Christie Stephenson, Danielle Millar, Dannielle Imlig, Joshua Bell, Kahlia Goss, Marieke Jansonius and Toni Stephenson

Western Heights Primary School - Tiana Tait, Waata Tule, Dakota Gibson, Angel Nikora, Timeka Pubben and Nikiah Pubben

Selwyn Primary School - Aimee Webb, Anthony Hurst, Britney Klomp, Brodie Wood, Fabian Walker, James Hodge, Jayden Sargent, Jessica Hodge, Kerenia Shepherd, Kerewai Shepherd, Kiani Walker, Kyra Hoete, Leo Nelson, Nasser Walker, Shani Walker and Tylan Moulder

Otonga Road Primary School - Aleisha Wightman, Aliesha Reeves, Anneke Westra, Conrad Booker, Dean Thomas, Kelvin Cunliffe, Kyle Dahya, Luan Van Vuuren, Rebecca Bain, Samuel Malipaard, Samuel Park, Scott McKnight, Stanley Rust, Taylor Johnston and Zinal Dahya

Lynmore Primary School - Antonio Abbott, Bailey Martin, David Boles, Hannah Peacock, Haylea MacCormick, Jamie Lyle, Jordyn Morricks, Joshua Morley, Juan Nieuwoudt, Katie Stevenson, Kristin Crook, Masisie Croft, Monica Stevenson, Monique Sheffield, Paul Farrar, Rachel Lee, Sam Pinckney and Sophie Vanner

Kaharoa Primary School - Bailey Van Den Broek, Elliot Smith, Emma Frame, Grace Wilson, Kate Urquhart, and Lea Kreutmayer

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To date we have 5 schools (Horohoro, Kaharoa, Kaitao, Malfroy & Lake Rerewhakaaitu) that have expressed their interest in being part of this research backed, highly effective programme. These schools have the opportunity to make a significant difference to the children in their school, their community and the wider Rotorua community, child by child.

Information can be found about the programme by Goodling the Peace Foundation or Roots of Empathy websites. Reduced bullying, higher achievement, stronger links with the community, empathy, improved understanding of human development, appreciation and understanding of difference and how to care for others are just some of the benefits.

There is still time to get involved. If interested, or if you require further information, please contact Rachael Turner at the Peace Foundation. Rachael's email address is rootsofempathy@peacefoundation.org.nz. If we cannot generate an interest from Rotorua schools the Peace Foundation will possibly open up the offer of the ROE programme to Tauranga and Taupo Schools. It would be a shame to lose this opportunity.

Once 10 schools are confirmed, we can then look at ways, as a group, to apply for funding to subsidise the \$6,000 cost.

If you would like clarification or further information, please contact Warwick Moyle at Kaharoa School by email: principal@kaharoa.school.nz or phone 07 332 3444.

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100% ATTENDANCE STUDENTS CONT.

St Marys Catholic School - Aiden Swann, Amelia Sherman, Ben Hill, Butjilani Kombanie, Daniel Karl, Gallan Lam, Hoze Lopez, Keri-Anne Khau, Layla James, Lochlan Kessels, Matthew Dobbyn and Michael Ryan

Rotorua Primary School - Aroha Kaa

John Paul College - Alicia Everson, Aroha Kautai, Arvin Pingol, Ben Rufer, Bethany Hazelwood, Brianna Black, Byeong Jun (Bryan) Yoon, Celina Keith, Devon Potter, Dominic Conlon, Dongjae (Harry) Lee, Harriet Klava, Hozea Lopez, Jae In (Jet) Kim, Jerril Mathew, Jessie Han, Jessie Kim, Ken Zhu, Kenneth Todd, Keunmo Ku, Leticha Wildhaber, Mi Hye Ku, Michael Glyde, Nicholas Aislabie, Nicholas Piebenga, Olivia Newport, Rhegan Stone, Richard Boulton, Roimata Kautai, Rutendo Mupita, Shaun Deo, Shinjy Sim, Simon Dyer and Tafadzwa Chikono

Owhata Primary School - Amy Jordan, Hayzl Ututaonga and Shani Ryan

Rotokawa Primary School - Brennan Dorrell, Emma Tibble-Gotz, Jerry Collier, Joshua Elia, Meghan Dorrell, Taylor Forrest and Tiana Ormsby

Sunset Primary School - Journey Tarei

Whangamarino Primary School - Aroha Henry, Erana Smith-Hunuhunu and Wharepapa Tapiata-Bright

Westbrook Primary School - Alyssa Carnell, Ari Mau-Thompson, Brianna Cross, Brice Park, Daniel Irwin, Jade Anaru, Jaide Neilson, Jason Munro, Joshua Glasgow, Kathleen Ashley, Liam Wilson, Luke Holmes, Luke Thompson, Mark Gribben, Matlin Dittmer, Olivier Elmiger, Raymond Chiu, Sauron Pulford, Seth Grouby, Tara Chemis, Tegan Allpress and Thomas Blackburn

Mamaku Primary School - Adam Beuth, Daniel Smith, Emily Smith, Hannah Watchorn, Holly Crawford, Jesse Matthews, Milrick Dampor, Paige Smith, Patrick Dampor, Rachel Crawford, Sara-Jane Smith, Sean McCormick, Shannon McCormick and Whetu Grooby

Glenholme Primary School - Daechelle Stokes, Eden Newman, Fatima Parr, Garnet Murtagh, Jaymie Makiha, Min-Jun Park, Min-Seok Park, Mitchell Clarke, Paula Lee, Sion Kang, Tana Love, Tyler Coote and Zoe Allison

Rotorua Intermediate School - Andrew Park, Andrew Thompson, Bronson Horomia, Cindy Huang, Daele Stainton, Hannah Thompson, Hine-I-Kauia Kopu, Imogen Wara, Jayme Hunter, Jessica Hall, Jessica Lee, Joshua McKenzie, Julian Timoti, Kelsie McFarlane, Mark Sto-Domingo, Miria Cook, Nathan McKenzie, Priyeshel Kumar, Sean Thomas, Tatiyana Morgan, Treston Stokes-Ngatokorua and Victoria Thompson