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THE ROTORUA & DISTRICT PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Deb Epp - Mokoia Intermediate - Junior Vice President

Linda Woon - Otonga Primary - Junior Vice President

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SCHOOL/COMMUNITY/RPA EVENTS

- **Kaharoa School Rural School's Cross Country** - A reminder to get entries in for our annual interschool cross country event being held next Friday 18th June. If you haven't received the entry information, please phone Warwick Moyle on 332 3444.
- **Kaharoa School Biennial Art Display** - Principals and teachers are welcome to visit and view this years display sponsored by Rotorua Creative Communities entitled 'Kiwiana—A Celebration of Our Place'. Opening night is Tuesday 29th June at 6pm - Also open Wednesday 30th June and Thursday 1st July.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Rotorua and District Principals' Association Subscriptions for 2010** - These are now due. Invoices should now have been received by you in the post. If you have not received an invoice, please phone Serena on 349 6070 or 027 225 7275.
- **Rotorua Town and Country ICTPD Cluster** - The Rotorua Town and Country ICTPD Cluster teachers enjoyed having the opportunity to further develop their understanding and knowledge of the SOLO taxonomy and HOT maps at their recent teacher only day at Kaharoa School.
- **Otonga School's 50th Birthday** - Otonga School celebrated its 50th Birthday on Queen's Birthday weekend. Jean Lamb (niece of the first principal, Jerry Allen), cut the cake with Garry Rogers, Linda Woon and past principal Reg Nimmo.



LEAVERS/STARTERS

- REMEMBER TO LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE ON THE MOVE :)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

- **28th-30th June** - Upper Atiamuri School Production
- **17th June** - AP/DP Network informal gathering at Westbrook School at 4pm
- **18th June** - Kaharoa School Rural School's Cross Country
- **29th June—1st July** - Kaharoa School Biennial Art Display
- **8th September** - 2010 Rotorua Graduating Students (University of Canterbury Event) - Invitations will be sent out shortly.
- **17th September** - Lip Sync 2010 - Expressions of interest to Garry de Thierry at Rotorua Intermediate.



ROTORUA CENTRAL ICT CLUSTER

Who's Got the E_Factor? The Rotorua Central ICT Cluster!

The RCICT Cluster (Glenholme School, Malfroy School, Rotorua Primary, Sunset Primary and Westbrook School) has been in operation for five months, and has just completed its first Milestone Report for the Ministry of Education. They're patting themselves on the back because they've covered a pretty impressive range of activities and new learning in a short time.

Within these five months it is fair to say that one of the most successful developments for the Cluster has been the learning community developed with the lead teachers. Having to write the first Milestone report themselves, without the assistance of a facilitator, would not have been possible without the shared leadership within this professional learning community.

The RCICT approach this year has been to focus on professional practice of school leaders. Lead Teachers have focused on developing a learning culture within each school and the Cluster where "Leaders are the Learners". The Lead Teachers have promoted professional learning and developed opportunities and implemented new practices in their own classrooms. Their growing expertise and leadership in pedagogical approaches of [SOLO Taxonomy](#) and Web 2.0 applications and tools, is forefront in leading and managing change in all Cluster schools. Lead Teachers have undertaken roles and responsibilities for RCICT that in usual circumstances a Cluster Facilitator would have employed, collated, managed and completed. The RCICT Lead Teachers are committed to the cluster's success; their motivation to learn, their commitment to model, their wiliness to share, and support each other, demonstrates co-constructivism and a collaborative work ethos which we all want in our students.

The [cluster wiki](#) is in itself becoming a pivot for both show-casing and developing new learning.

A lot of skill development and sharing had to occur just to get it up and running so that they could use it to share their learning as evidence for the first Milestone Report.

One featured page includes reporting back on the recent [Teacher Only Day](#). The cluster schools got together to listen to and work with Professor Angus MacFarlane, on one of the cluster goals: improving Māori student achievement.

Cross cluster links are helping to cement a Rotorua e_learning structure, begun with the Rotorua Principals' Association E_Leaders' initiative in 2009. RCICT joined with the Town and Country Cluster at the beginning of the year to host Pam Hook and Julie Mills for a two day workshop involving all staff at the beginning of the year. The RELCO Cluster's BEST seminar in May was well supported by all the cluster schools. We are also lucky enough to be able to host the Learning@School conference each year in Rotorua.

This sort of collaboration will help Rotorua schools maximise the professional development possible over the three year contract and ensure that our commitment to growth will continue well into the future.

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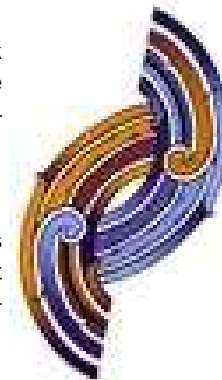
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Malfroy School

OUR VISION:

"Provide opportunities for the students of the Rotorua Central ICT Cluster to be confident, connected, creative and actively involved 21st century learners".



STUDENTS DASH FOR CASH—ROTORUA INTERMEDIATE

On Friday the 14th of May over 500 R.I.S. students participated in a ten hour relay to fundraise for new sports uniforms. Students in teams of ten from all over the school ran around the relay track for a full ten hours. Each team had a costume, baton and leader; all of these were student-organised.

The day kicked off at 6:30am, when almost every single child participating came down to run laps for our school. From that moment until 5pm every relay team had a student running. They all showed extreme commitment with a school total of 10,480 laps run. The 51 teams that ran were all very competitive but team 48 came out on top with a total of 297 laps run.

The teachers got involved too. Some teachers got involved by counting laps, organising, providing entertainment, selling food and running laps themselves in the teacher relay team. Even some of the previous teachers of Rotorua Intermediate school came back to support our teams. Parents, family and teachers alike came down to support the children in their endeavours.

The atmosphere was very cheerful, with almost every student dressed up in outrageous costumes. There were builders, fairies, ninjas, league, netball, cheerleaders, hockey, cricket, soccer, pyjamas, house colours and many more. As the day progressed, the kids got more excited and more spirited, really getting into the flow of things. With every child having a positive attitude, the day was a success.

All this was put together by Mrs Taute and the other teachers. And without her, and the help of all the teachers, the event would not have been possible. Every teacher, child and parent gave their all to make this happen. Everyone in the school played a part in this, making it an exceptional day. So thank you to all the people who helped make this day happen.

We think that because of all the participation, courage and commitment enough money was raised for the sports uniforms.

By Sarah Wharekura and Danielle Kemp



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