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THE ROTORUA & DISTRICT PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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- Warwick Moyle



ROTOMATHS 2009 RESULTS

SMALL SCHOOLS (schools with rolls under 200 as at 1st July 2009)

	Year 5	Year 6
1st	Kaharoa 1	Aorangi
2nd	Waikite Valley	Waikite Valley
3rd	Aorangi	Kaharoa

MAJOR AWARDS

	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
1st	Lynmore	Otonga 1	RIS 3	JPC 1
2nd	Kaharoa 2	Glenholme	JPC 3	JPC 2
3rd	Otonga 1	Otonga 2	Mokoia	RIS 1



Thank you to our major sponsor WESTPAC and our secondary Number Works and to Whitcoulls.

Many thanks to all the schools for supporting this event, the teachers who were involved at school teaching the children problem solving strategies, the teachers who were involved-

and markers who assisted on the night and in the organisation. A special thank you to Gene Rigney, our Chief Judge and question writer, Lara Cordoni from JPC for assisting with the questions, Cynthia Holden for organising the questions, responsibilities and announcing, the JPC senior student markers and helpers and

to the Rotomaths committee.

Winner Number Works Terms free tuition (Value \$400) - No.75 Tai Khau Kerri Anne St Michaels.

Please see page 3 for feedback request.

Written by Warwick Moyle, Kaharoa School

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PD/GUEST SPEAKERS



- **Iva Ropati** is a former rugby league player and High School Principal. He grew up playing for the Otahuhu Leopards before moving to the Te Atatu Roosters where he won a Fox Memorial premiership. He later played for the Mangere East Hawks before moving to England. There he played for the Sheffield Eagles, Featherstone Rovers and Oldham. He still holds the Sheffield Eagles club record for most tries in a season. In 1994 he moved to Australia to play for the Parramatta Eels in the NSWRL premiership. He finished his career with the new Auckland Warriors in 1996 and 1997. He is now a Principal at the recently renamed One Tree High College. In 2009 he was one of six New Zealanders awarded a Sir Peter Blake emerging leadership award - **WHEN:** RPA Meeting on 20th November 2009



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.

THANKS

- **Rotorua Education Centre** - I would like to say a big thank you to Colin Watkins and Kerry Crozier for boarding up my Comp suite and a special thank you to Charlie Hurihanganui for doing an all-nighter for me!



REPLY/RESPOND!

- The Rotomaths committee would appreciate evaluative feedback, both what worked well and what could be improved (the sound system has already been noted). This can be emailed to principal@kaharoa.school.nz.
- **Psychologists** - We have a little more funding and a contract with a new psychologist. We would like to complete 6 assessments before the summer break and to identify further students in the New Year. There are two children waiting for assessment from the previous round. If you have a child you would like to have a comprehensive assessment which will include feedback to you, please send Deborah Epp the child's name, DOB, difficulties you see with the child, interventions to date etc. (just as before). Deb will use the criteria to prioritise and will then advise you if your child can be seen before the break. Attached is an appendix to the contract with the psychologist. It outlines the responsibilities of those involved and Deb needs a copy signed by the Principal returned to her (for record keeping). Emails are fine. depp@mokoia.school.nz
- **ITE Interviewing Opportunity on 1st December** - If you and/or a Board of Trustee member are available to help the UC College of Education, Rotorua Centre in classroom F28 at Wairiki Institute of Technology on Tuesday 1st December from 9:15 am–3:00 pm, please email Anne-Marie Hunt at anne-marie.hunt@canterbury.ac.nz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Feel the Spirit Pink Walk 2009** - Three of our Principals, Cathryn Naera, John Naera and Andrew Sinclair, took part in this year's walk to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. As you can see they all looked "Pretty in Pink" on the day, but John outshone the rest by taking the award for "Most Outstanding Mens Outfit". I think you will all agree that Pink is definitely his colour :o)



- **Rotorua Schools feature on "Close up"** - During the week Robyn James from the TV one Close Up Programme visited three Rotorua schools to do an article on the development of the Chinese language within the city. The schools visited were Kaharoa, Rotorua Boys High and Kaitao. They were particularly interested in the impact that Laytee George had had on the establishment and development of the language throughout the schools in Rotorua which sets it apart from any other region in New Zealand. Thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of Laytee, a number of teachers and Principals have had the opportunity to visit China and the teaching of the language is well established in the City. The show will probably air on Friday night.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

- **Konica Minolta** - The Rotorua Club is having a Melbourne Cup Day on 3rd November. This starts around 1 pm and goes through to late. The big race is at approx. 5 pm. There will be a TAB facility, food and lots of raffles and sweepstakes. Everybody welcome.

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

The Peace Foundation are committing to beginning the Roots of Empathy (ROE) programme in 10 Rotorua Schools next year. Training for the ROE instructors, selected by the schools, is pencilled in for 2 days between 16 and 18 February 2010. The cost per school for the first year, before we commit to accessing outside funding will be \$6,000. This cost will cover instructor training, the ROE teaching manual, teaching equipment and ongoing mentoring for the instructors. Once the schools are confirmed the aim will be to achieve outside funding target of \$30,000 to reduce the cost per school to \$3,000.

The Peace Foundation are seeking an initial expression of interest from Rotorua Schools. As there are only 10 places available next year we will have to operate on a first in first served basis. A further 10 schools will have the opportunity to commit to the programme in 2011. Expressions of interest initially for 2010, but also for 2011 and 2012 can be forwarded to Anne Ackerman at the following email address ackerman@peacefoundation.org.nz

Once the schools are confirmed and memorandums of agreement signed we will then be in a position to pursue funding opportunities, finalise training dates, set timelines and outline requirements so that the ROE programme can commence at your school in 2010.

Thank you for your patience in awaiting information regarding this programme. We can now look forward with confidence that the children of Rotorua will have access to a world class programme that is making a significant difference to societies throughout the world, child by child.

Further information about the benefits of the ROE programme can be found on <http://www.peace.net.nz> under Roots of Empathy.

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