

5th August 2024

This is an update about some changes that we are trialling during our playtimes this term.

The children at Royal Road School are very active and play together well but we are always looking for ways to improve this.

Here are some changes we will be making for Term 3.

We will not close the field even if it is muddy and wet.

In the past we closed the fields if it is wet and required all children to play on hard surfaces. This has resulted in the hard surfaces being very crowded at these times.

Not restricting where the children can play because of weather allows the children to remain spread out and have more choice in the games they can play. Children are expected to get themselves off the field when the hand bell goes and get themselves cleaned up before class.

This gives the children a chance to manage themselves. The odd child slips and gets muddy but this is occasional. As we have limited spare clothing at school, it would be a good idea to pack a change of clothes in their school bag. Students will not be sent home if they become wet or muddy.

The only time children will not be allowed on the field is if it is raining and all children are inside.

Tackle Rugby at playtime and lunchtime.

We have a group of students that are keen to play tackle rugby during the breaks. We are going to give Year 5 - 8 students who wish to play permission from this week. The children know that they must wear a mouth guard and will be given basic rules and sportsmanship codes to follow but they will be able to organise their own fun games within guidelines set out. Year 5&6 and 7&8 students must play separately. Boys and girls must also play separately.

If your child is wanting to play but does not have a mouth guard, the school will provide them with one.

If your child likes to play football on the field or is keen on rugby, please feel free to send some old clothes for playing in, or a small towel in their bag. Again this will be for your child to manage.

Wayne Leighton
Principal

Important notice for Year 1-4 students and caregivers

This term our Year 1-4 teachers will be attending Professional Development for Structured Literacy. This is an all-day course, which means that we will need relievers for several classes. Due to a shortage of relievers we may not be able to cover all classrooms. This means that we will have to close classes and split children across other classrooms. There may also be a possibility we will request that if you're able to, that you keep your child home for that day. We will let you know as soon as possible. The three dates for the professional development are:

Wednesday 14th August

Friday 6th September

Thursday 26th September

Duffy Book Winners

Well done to the following students who were 'Caught Being Good' and received a book and a certificate.



Ezra Tavai – Being a great helper and teaching middle school kids how to play volleyball.

Hayley-May Tusa-Mitchell – Being a great helper and teaching middle school kids how to play volleyball.

Ephesians Romia Gear – Being a great helper and teaching middle school kids how to play volleyball.

Braxton Melville – Using his own free time to help a teacher before school.

Kayden Qolorii – Using his own free time to help a teacher before school.

Kendall McLean – Being focused on her learning and being a great role model.

Hope Larsen – For always showing aroha to her classmates and teacher.

Lochlan Sims – For being a great classroom helper.

Anaisha Ratnam – For looking after others and showing aroha.

James Panganiban – For looking after a new student in class.

Irihapeti Tauriki – For always helping her teacher before school.

Khloe Coulthard – For always taking pride in her classroom.

Aishnoor Kaur – For showing Aroha and kindly helping her new classmate.

Rebecca Etuale – For showing Aroha and helping our new student settle.

Caiden Martin – For showing Aroha and making a new student feel welcome.

Elizabeth Hoang – For showing Pride in her culture and her Vietnamese history.

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Congratulations to the students who have worked hard towards their Bronze Awards:



Justin Hong, Rainier Gomez, Ezra Newton-Smith, Charlie Morgan, Lazarus Etimani-Kitiseni, Jasper Feng, Nathaniel Peteru, Matt Ferrer, Preshess Purcell, Taylah Stoker, Eliz Hoang and Matthew Fiaola-Tutai.

Congratulations to the students who have worked hard towards their Silver Awards:

Ethan Ventigan, Te-Ariana Kahui, Ephesians Romia Gear, Jessica Russell Luis Presbitero and Malia Tongaihi.

Welcome to our school

We would like to welcome the following new students and their families to our school:



Aurora-Jasmine Roberts-Falesima, Adam Rony, Maisha and Uzair Khan, Tamarah and Tine Mamasi, Shiena Mallele and Viliani Saamu-Tatafu

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