

Ramarama School 2025

NEWSLETTER- WEEK 6

What's been happening?

We had a lovely mihi whakatau in Week 4 to welcome all our new students and whanau and at the conclusion of this welcome we celebrated our school leaders for 2025. Thank you to Aidan and Georgia H for leading the first mihi whakatau of the year so well.

Providing a range of student leadership roles is important as it helps to grow our young leaders and provides an opportunity for new initiatives in our school.

Congratulations to the following students:

Student Leaders for 2025: Aidan, Alyson, Georgia H, Gurzail, Harrison and Rose.

Awhina Leaders for 2025: Puriri- Hunter, Jahzara and Nyla. Nikau- Braxonne, Georgia B and Lennon. Totara- Shelton, Alizé and DeAndre. Rimu- Rocky, Ella O and Emily. Kauri- Gus, Jackson and Saanvi.

Junior Ambassadors for 2025: Bree, Ocean, Sephie, Scarlett, Georgia S, Areka, Iesa, Samantha, Tia and Cami.

Librarians for 2025: Casey (head librarian), Harper A, William, Leo, Ella R, Zoe, Mia, Adam, Jemima, Rosa, Piper, Sadie, Lucy (head librarian), Millie, Belle, Zervin, Charlie, Jasmine, Kyle and Harper T.



What's coming up?

- **Thurs 13th March**- Year 5/6 ECCS Football & Year 7/8 Technology
- **Monday 17th March**- Lockdown Drill
- **Thursday 20th March**- School Disco 5-7pm
Theme: Past, present and future. Tickets are \$5 and we will have a range of food and drinks for sale.
- **Friday 21st March**- TEACHER ONLY DAY- School Closed- Staff will be working off-site with 4 other schools on the new Maths Curriculum.
- Freezy Friday's will continue until the end of the term. We will move our Friday 21st sales to Thursday 20th March- as school is closed on Friday 21st March.



Welcome

A special welcome to Malan, Adaline and Thiya who have all started in the Weka Learning Space since our last newsletter.

We now have 193 students enrolled at Ramarama School.

Writer of the week: Bree - Year 7

HAPPINESS

Happiness is a warm feeling that fills a hole in your heart.

It is a good meal after a long day in the scorching sun.

Happiness is friends hanging out with me splashing and yelling around in the pool.

It looks like a star getting brighter and brighter.

That is Happiness

SADNESS

Sadness is a cold feeling in your body that gives you shivers.

It looks like an ice cream slowly melting off a cone.

Sadness is hearing the wind whistle through a gap in your bedroom window.

It tastes like an orange that has been rotting on a tree for decades.

That is sadness

By Bree

School Donation

Last week you will have received your school donation and Seesaw fee letter. Our school can not successfully operate on the operating grant given to us by the Government.

Every year we have to fundraise and ask our families for a school donation to be able to provide the additional staffing, property and equipment we need to run our school. Despite rising costs in all areas of school operations the Board of Trustees have made the decision to keep the donation set at \$200 per child. With a discount if paid before 31st March. The Seesaw fee of \$20 per child is compulsory.

Please support our school by paying your school donation and ensure that we can continue to provide a safe and welcoming learning environment for all our students.

Lockdown Exercise/Drill

As part of keeping our school safe we need to be able to respond safely and quickly to a range of emergency situations. We work alongside an independent company, Harrison Tew[®], who specialises in emergency management planning for schools, whose procedures have been successfully implemented in hundreds of schools throughout New Zealand. As part of maintaining our emergency procedures in our school, specialised training is being conducted with our senior leadership and staff by Harrison Tew[®].

The students will also receive information on how to respond in an emergency directed at their respective age groups from either their teacher or Harrison Tew[®].

We will then be conducting a lockdown exercise under the guidance and support of Harrison Tew[®].

During the exercise you will receive a notification from the school, so it is important that your emergency contact details are up to date and correct. The notification will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on the school website.

In a genuine incident, should you become aware of a lockdown or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation.

We thank you for your support.

Find more information on

www.ramarama.school.nz

Our drill will be held on
Monday 17th March between
10-11am.