

Ko Rātu, rua tekau mā rima o Hōngongoi : Thursday 25 July 2019

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### Welcome back everyone to Term 3... where has the year gone?

The older I get the quicker the years seem to pass and yet my grandies are always asking when it will be Christmas (as the year seems to take forever for them!). We trust the holidays weren't too stressful for you all! Once again we have lots happening this term as we continue to welcome lots of new families to our kura. We have the [school show \(Term 4\)](#), rehearsals starting again, preparation for the Kapa Haka festival, [Wananga Wednesday](#), [Rebel Writers](#), heaps of [sporting opportunities](#) and lots of interesting programmes of learning in classrooms. As teachers we will continue to develop our skills in teaching maths.

I attended the Principals Federation Conference in Auckland in the last week of term and as usual came back buzzing with new ideas for the learners in our community. The highlight for me was Professor Yong Zhao and if you are interested I have included a link below. He really did talk our talk! He got me thinking straight away when he said .... ['We try to fix the deficit NOT enhance the talent'](#), [Every child is a Rudolph](#) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKWr\\_OCdVEs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKWr_OCdVEs) and [work out what you stand for and what you cannot stand.](#)

### A new start on the rubbish/recycling front...

In a world currently that (it seems) has a growing focus on the world wide plastic and rubbish problem, we are looking at doing things differently in our school.

As was mentioned last term, we are looking at dealing with the 'lunch rubbish' in a different way and hoping that together, families and the school, we can make a difference.

Unfortunately, schools in the local area have not been given recycling bins by the HDC, as we are classed as businesses. So starting this term, children will be bringing their non recyclable (at school) lunch rubbish home. We are hoping that as families you can take responsibility for this and use your recycling bins and help the planet.

We will do our bit with yoghurt containers and paper as we can recycle both of these things as part of school schemes.



This might take a bit of time to sort but it seems there is no time like the present IF we want our young people to have a clean place to live!

**I thought this was quite a nice quote given that this week was the anniversary of the landing on the moon...**

