



NEWSLETTER

TERM 3
2015

The Chairman's Report

Hi everyone

As we have moved into Term 4 of 2015 I have been reflecting on the elements of The Rising Foundation programme that assist us in achieving the wonderful results that our students produce.

We are so proud of our kids and as each school moves into prize giving mode I am excited to look forward to celebrating the successes of our individual's achievements from our group. We measure success of our students and watch very carefully over survey results etc, so that we can continuously improve the delivery of the programme that we offer.

Much of the success that we achieve is also through the incredible support that we enjoy from the management and teaching staff at each of our schools. I remain so impressed with the dedication of these incredibly motivated and caring people. Without such support and encouragement The Rising Foundation would not be as effective. A very big thank you to all from the Trustees and staff of The Rising Foundation.

Please enjoy our Newsletter and once again thanks to all of our sponsors and supporters for your continued backing.

Regards
John



My name is Diane Bongard. I am married to John and have become a fan and a huge supporter of The Rising Foundation over the last several years.

I own a small sheet metal manufacturing company called Teale Metal Products in Takanini where Donna and The Rising Foundation are based, together with our wonderful "Team Teale". I work part time in the business as receptionist and "girl Friday", completing the many varied tasks associated with running the office of a small business.

I lived in Papakura up until I was 19 and attended Papakura Intermediate and Papakura High Schools. I loved sport and played hockey, tennis, badminton and competitively swam from the ages of about 12 to 17. I represented Counties at Badminton in A Grade for several years, travelling around the country to represent our Union. Sport was a huge part of my life and I loved it. I left school at the end of Year 12 having attained U.E., however University was not for me and I started working shortly after finishing school in October of my last year. I was interested in accountancy and office work, having trained through school as a shorthand-typist.

My first job was with the Auckland Magistrates Court where I typed the evidence in the family

court which consisted of the recording of marriage separations and custody disputes – not pleasant listening for a 17 year old!! After 2½ years I went to work for a firm of accountants in Auckland for another 2½ years before heading overseas for my O.E. for a year. I backpacked around Europe for 6 months and had a wonderful time before returning to London flat broke, working in an office and as a waitress 3 nights a week for 6 months to earn my air fare home.

I got a job with Formica NZ in Hunua Road and worked there for 7 years before setting up a ladies' dress shop in Averill Street, Papakura for just over 2 years. By this time, I was a mother and after 2 years, decided it was time to stop working and be a full-time "mum" at home. After our daughter was born, I decided I needed a bit of mental stimulation and set up a Public Typing business from home. I worked for about 5 years doing this, however with the advent of Microsoft word and emails, my workload had dropped considerably so I had to look elsewhere.

John's brother and I bought Teale Metal Products in February 2006 and we have been working together ever since. Over the years, I have had to re-train myself and upskill myself through various courses and learning off others (the young ones of course) to keep up with the

new technological developments around office work. This has been a challenge at times, however I have always loved learning how to master new technologies and computer programmes.

I am the Treasurer for the Foundation and assist in major fundraising events such as our BNZ Race Night and the NRL 9's weekend as well as assisting Donna and John when required.

I LOVE what The Rising Foundation offers our children and I respect and admire our wonderful Team of Leaders. It is a privilege to work with all those associated with bringing the wonderful programme The Rising Foundation has, to so many of our youth.





NETBALL
NEW ZEALAND



On Tuesday 28 July The Rising Foundation was fortunate enough to be given tickets to watch the Silver Ferns take on South Africa- Spa Proteas at Trust Stadium, West Auckland.

It was a packed night with the event selling out, however The Rising Foundation students were lucky enough to get up close and personal with the stars themselves being seated front row, courtside directly behind the South African team.

It was an awesome night and for many a first time experience watching a professional level of netball played live. In the end the Silver Ferns showed just how skilled they really are by dominating the court with a 67-28 win against their opposition. A good end to their pre-World Cup build up.

"We were so lucky to be seated right at the front of the court. I even made it onto television"- Year 10 student

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D I G I T A L S E C U R I T Y S O L U T I O N S

On Wednesday 23rd September ten of our young students were afforded the opportunity to explore Focus Digital Security Solutions to learn about what the security industry has to offer and how it has developed from quite a physical to a very technological industry and how it has evolved.

The students were able to meet the three founders of the Organisation and were also able to get an insight as to what it takes to set up your own business, with the sacrifice, struggle and everything in between with the eventual success that comes with hard work and determination.

The word that Graham Zuill and his associates continued to use throughout the day was 'opportunity'. It is what they say brought them thus far in their journeys. They continued to show the students all these gismos and gadgets and the students would be intrigued and sought to ask 'how it worked?' or 'how is that even possible?'

The students were able to see first-hand how the new DNA technology works, so if an item is stolen they know who it belongs too or they are able to track the thief easily. This DNA technology is blind to the naked eye, but under ultra violet rays is easily seen. They also showed number plate technology that is able to read number plates travelling at high speeds and bring up all information about it down to weight of vehicle and how many axles the vehicle has and whether it complies with road rules. There were so many gadgets that the students were able to see and they also tried to play a little bit of hide and seek with a camera that had 360 degrees rotation, which found them every time.

These students have had the opportunity to see an organisation that also shared similar values as what The Rising Foundation reinforces with its students – There has to be a real passion for what you love, and also taking opportunity and not squandering it. One value they had that really resonated with The Rising Foundation is the respect aspect, they said they would not have come thus far if they had not been respectful to all those that they encountered.

The students also listened to how they could one day be lucky enough to gain a career in that industry. All they want is someone who is keen to learn and isn't afraid to make mistakes, but ultimately learn from them.

Thank you yet again to Focus Digital Security Solutions for your constant support of The Rising Foundation programme



Term 2 Transition Camp Papakura High & Manurewa High Schools Te Takinga Marae, Mourea ROTORUA Monday 28 September—Thursday 1 October

The first schools ventured out on a cold gloomy day towards Rotorua to Te Takinga Marae, welcomed to the area with a formal powhiri and hail stones. Fortunately the weather cleared up with beautiful sunshine, and Te Takinga Marae in Mourea, Rotorua, played home to around 150 students and staff over the course of the two weeks of the school holidays. The theme for the term was 'Threshold' where students were taught the significance of a new beginning to a new you; through the realisation of what needed to be changed in our lives and making a start. At camp, the theme too was 'Cultural Diversity', where students were given the opportunity to come up with and embrace and share the rich cultural identity all hold within themselves. From our TRF staff, students were also taught other in-depth lessons such as that of our TRF pillars/core values of our behaviour and the consequences to our actions; the notion of being a seed and planting ourselves in good soil and nourishing ourselves with good and positive things.

Students at both camps were treated to some of the awesome things that Rotorua has to offer such as their naturally heated thermal pools, to venturing down the road to Mt. Tarawera; guided by the team from Kaitiaki Tours. The team from Kaitiaki Tours gave us a first-hand tour of the area, fascinating the students with the local history and showing the students the proof that was right in front of them. Students were also treated to an Amazing Race that was both challenging and tiring, however it is an amazing feat that every team finished near the ending time with everyone together. In the race, students had to complete a number of challenges such as complete Team Yoga poses in Kuirau Park; getting random locals in front of Starbucks to explain what the TRF four pillars mean to them; to eating food foreign to most of our students like shrimp paste, tofu, sardines and blue cheese.

On the first week, students from Papakura High School and The Manurewa High School collaborated and made the first camp. Students at this camp were extremely lively, with strong bonds being created throughout as most students from these camps already knew each other, despite being from different schools, which enhanced their relationship. Over the course of the week everyone was challenged. We saw students go from a low and most challenged, to quite literally their highest achieving success both personally and collectively. Through the aforementioned challenges, the amount of team work required to complete these further fused the teams closer together, evident in the amazing skits and performances that the both groups put on that night – again highlighting our theme of Threshold. One parent noticed the impact that this camp had on her daughter, and she left this positive feedback on one of our forums:

"Thanks so much to TRF...another fantastic camp and some tired kids who are very lucky to have an amazing foundation and even better leaders to inspire their minds...you are helping us as parents develop amazing kids who with your guidance will become beautiful adults".

Mother of a Year 10 student

Term 2 Transition Camp
Rosehill College, Pukekohe High & Pukekohe Intermediate and
Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate—Senior & Middle School
Te Takinga Marae, Mourea ROTORUA
Tuesday 6 October—Friday 9 October

For Camp Two, this consisted of many more schools being: Rosehill College, Pukekohe High School, Pukekohe Intermediate School, Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate – Senior and Middle School. This camp had a similar bearing to Camp One, however there was a new focus in inducting our new Year 8 students to what it means to be in TRF, prepping these students for next year as they enter a new world of High School. This transition process has always been an enormous step for any individual who heads to High School, so by making new relationships in TRF with people who are already in High School, this somewhat eases transitioning by having their older peers looking out for them till they find their own feet in this new world. Camp Two took on a different feel as all these students had never been on a camp together before. New friendships were forged and created just the same with the students, widening our scope of our now bigger TRF family. One Year 9 student of Rosehill College had this to say of her experiences so far with TRF:

“I joined The Rising Foundation about 7 weeks before camp. Prior to camp I became really comfortable with ‘TRF’ and felt confident to do anything with the group. The most recent camp was in Rotorua, which was my very first camp! I was majorly excited from the talk about how good the last camp was, and I was expecting an amazing and enjoyable time. This camp exceeded my expectations. We got to do many activities and workshops to strengthen our knowledge about ‘TRF’ and many other aspects to improve our self-confidence and overall mind set. Our topic this term was threshold which in my perspective was reaching our full potential and going outside of our comfort zone. On camp we are mixed between other schools which gives us a chance to use what we have learnt from our Rising group at school, on camp. We are able to meet many diverse people and step out of our comfort zone to bond and do extraordinary activities with them. Camp has made me grow as a person and has made me realise I have a place to go to if I need anything. At camp I had a roller-coaster of emotions from group’s activities and home, on the last night the whole camp came together and we talked about all of our emotions and struggles. This was a big eye opener, and I realised that everyone has their own struggles. Overall camp was amazing. It changed me as a person and made me see things from a different perspective. I have made lifelong friends that I will never forget. This is just my first camp in my Rising journey with many more to come!” - Rosehill College Year 9 student.

All in all, students all round had an amazing time on camp. On a closing note, special mention and thanks must go out to our camp cooks over the two weeks to Noeline Lotulelei, Martha Kingi, and Donna Rogers. The food that was made was absolutely amazing, and this could have not been done without the immense effort that these ladies put in. A sincere thank you from us all at TRF and especially from the students!

Term 2 Transition Camp Camp Photos



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