



#### TERM 3

30th August — Daffodil Day

3rd September - Public meeting re school organization 2014

12th September — Winter Sports OTP

19th September — Production

27th September — Last day of Term 3

#### TERM 4

14th October—Term 4 starts

14—18 October—Book Week

18th October - Show Day

28th October—Labour Day

#### Term Dates 2013

##### Term 3

29 July to 27 September

##### Term 4

14 October to 20 December

#### TERM DATES 2014

Term 1 — 3rd February - 17th April

Term 2 — 5 May - 4th July

Term 3 — 21st July - 26th September

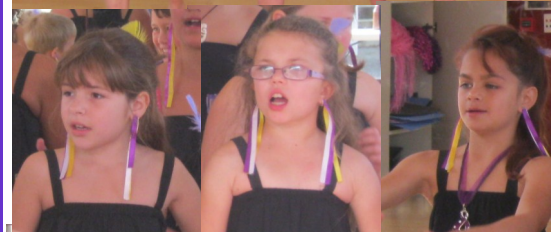
Term 4 — 13th October - 15 or 16 December

# RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



21 August 2013

## MANA TU DAY



On Monday morning I was greeted by some very excited and proud children who had performed at the Mana Tu Day at Bream Bay College on Sunday.

They proceeded to tell me “We were the best group there Mrs Dunn,” (in their opinion), “and we only had 3 boys and they did an awesome haka!”

We are all feeling very proud of our kapa haka group and congratulations to all of the tamariki and to Whaia Ramari and Mrs Peni for the work they put into preparing this group throughout the year.

## Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

**Tangata ako ana I te whare,**  
*A person who is taught at home,*  
**Te turanga ki te marae, tau ana**  
*will stand collected on the marae*

*A Balanced Education in a supportive environment*

## POU POLES PROGRESS

We now have 4 out of 7 pou poles in the ground and planting will begin as soon as the others are finished. They already look great.



## WINTER SPORTS DAY

This will be held at One Tree Point School on Thursday 12th of September.

Before the day, we like to get the teams practising their chosen sports as much as possible.

Are you able to come down to school any days between now and the 12th of September to coach one of the 5 sports?

**We are looking for help with hockey, basketball, netball, ripper rugby and soccer.** Please let the office know if you can do that. It

can be at any time that suits your schedule.

Thank you.



## EXCELLENT WRITERS

### **A Love heart for Jayden**

*I made a love heart for Jayden.*

*He will marry me when we*

*get big and he will kiss me.*

*By Jayde, Room 2*



### **Mana Tu Day**

Yesterday it was ManaTu Day. First we got our uniforms. Next we went in the drama room to practise. After that we went on stage and we sang our songs. Then the other school sang. Finally we got a sausage sizzle. I liked it because I liked the dresses.  
**By Ruby Leigh**



### **Mana Tu Day**

On Sunday the kapa haka group went to Bream Bay College. First they got dressed into their costume. Next they had a little practice. After that they came out and sang songs. At the end the kapa haka people had a sausage sizzle.

**By Ava**



## PARENT CORNER

### **PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Thank you to the small group of parents who attended our Support Group meeting last week. At this meeting we discussed possible ways to use our Support Group funds. It was decided that we will go ahead and tidy up the swimming pool sheds by painting the inside walls, putting some clear roofing in to let in more light, and adding some ventilation. We are also keen to go

ahead with the bike track and to implement the Garden to Kitchen programme in some way.

**We are desperately looking for someone to lead this group** so if you are able to support us in this way, or know anyone else who would like to do this, please contact me. Without having someone driving this, the group may fold which would be such a shame.

**Our next meeting will be on Thursday the 5th of September.**





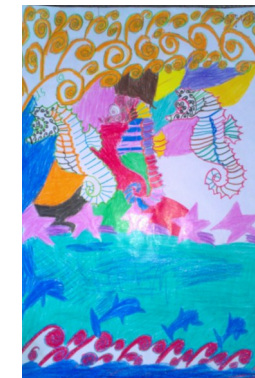
## SUNSMART ACCREDITATION

Last week at assembly, we were accredited as a Sun Smart School which makes us one of 55 schools out of over 140 schools in Northland. We have been working towards this for several years and now we have been recognised for it. In term 1 & 4 all children are expected to wear a sunhat to school—preferably a wide brimmed one so maybe now is the time to start looking for these.



## PRODUCTION FEVER!!!

All classes are very busy rehearsing for our school production which will be held at Bream Bay College on Thursday 19th September. We are looking for people to help to make costumes and props over the next couple of weeks. If you are able to help this would be greatly appreciated. It is a particularly busy and stressful time for staff so any help we can get would welcome. Maybe there are some grand parents out there that could help??



## ONE TREE POINT SCHOOL ENROLMENT ZONE

Included in today's newsletter is a notice about the proposed enrolment zone going in at One Tree Point School. You will find more information in this week's Bream Bay News. The significant change is that all new enrolments from the Ruakaka Village will now not be able to go to One tree Point School unless they apply to be balloted in. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to ask .

## PUBLIC MEETING SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2014

**On Tuesday 3rd September, we plan to hold a public meeting here at 7.00pm.** This meeting is to look at some exciting ideas about how our school will be organised next year. One of the ideas we are investigating, is providing a senior classroom programme where the children will have the opportunity to learn in both Te Reo and English. We are also looking at having other specialised programmes eg. a digital classroom. This will be your opportunity to ask questions and have some input. See you there.

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## Notices

### **Sicknesses**

There have been a few cases of chicken pox, if your child has spots and is unwell please keep them home.

We have had a lot of children away with tummy bugs please make sure that they do not return for at least 24 hours after the LAST bout of vomiting and please talk to them about washing their hands frequently.

PLEASE call the school if your child is sick, failure to do so will mean they are marked as truant.

### **Piano free to a good home.**

If your child is playing piano or interested in having their own piano one of our families is giving theirs away. Call Ari on 4328927 or 0212066090

### **Show day**

Please return last seasons trophy's to the office.

Please remember to get your entries into the office for calf's, lambs or goats it's going to be a great day and the more entries the merrier.

I would love to hear from family members who would like to come and help on the day I need some judges for classroom kids activities.

Tania 4327503 in the office

### **Library Books**

The library has a lot of books that have not been returned please have a look around your house and send them in with the kids.

Some families have been sent out bills for outstanding book returns, this money can be paid in the office.

### **Updated details**

Please make sure that your phone details and addresses are all up to date In times of emergency it is crucial that we are able to contact caregivers.

### **Attendance reminder**

Please make sure your child does not stay home because there is no kai/ food. We run the breakfast club for all the children here at Ruakaka School and for those who need a top up for lunch we always have bread to make a sandwich and fruit.

The kids just need to come to the office and we will sort something out for them.

### **Community Notices**

#### **Ruakaka Scouts Club**

The Scouts are looking for new members which is based at the den on Marsden Point Road Wednesday 5.30– 7pm for kids 7yr—10yrs

Mondays 6.30 to 8.30 for kids 10 and a half to 14yrs

For more details please contact Robyn Davies on 021846649

#### **Self defense classes with Ken Crawley**

These will be held at the refinery auditorium

Fridays 4.30—5.30

These will start on the 30 August and run for 6 weeks and possibly longer.

The cost is \$5.00 per person contact roanna.roberts@refiningnz.com