



TERM 3

27th September - Last day  
of Term 3

TERM 4

14th October - Term 4  
starts

14—18 October - Book  
Week

18th October - Show Day

18th October - Book Fair

24th October - Support  
Group meeting - 2.45pm

28th October - Labour Day

29th October - Last day for  
GATE and presentation

21 November - Interschool  
Athletics

27 November - "Kids Can  
Cook" Show

4 December - Bus  
Wardens reward Day

12 December - Prize-giving  
12.00 -2.00

16 December - Year 6  
Graduation

20 December - Last day

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



26th September 2013

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION



## Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Ki te kahore he whakakitenga ka ngaro te iwi

*Without foresight or vision the people will be lost*

*A Balanced Education in a supportive environment*

### JAME'S PROJECT UPDATE

James McCullough is doing a wonderful job of coordinating several projects in the school at the moment. In each newsletter, we will give you an update of progress.

- ♦ Bikes in Schools – the Board of Trustees has agreed to implement this initiative. The project is underway with Stu Bell from Bikes in Schools submitting applications to fund the bicycles, track and helmets. The school has agreed to contribute \$7000 to the project.
- ♦ Playhouse 1 – a new playhouse is currently being built and is due to be delivered to the school in about a week.
- ♦ Playhouse 2 – a smaller and older playhouse has been donated to the school by a local resident. Hopefully this will be delivered to the school during the holidays
- ♦ Climbing wall – quotes have been received for a climbing wall to be built by the main playground and this will happen during the holidays.
- ♦ Garden to Table initiative - Palmers Garden World have agreed to donate vegetable seeds/seedlings for the gardens.



### GREEN GOLD AWARD

Unfortunately, due to a circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to hold our planned meeting to continue this process. We will advise you of a new date early next term. We hope some of our wonderful parents will come along and share your knowledge about our environmental journey.

### BILINGUAL CLASS UPDATE

*Thank you so much to those of you who returned your surveys to school about the bilingual class. If you have not returned them yet, it is not too late so please send them back tomorrow. Your name will go into the draw and the winner of the hamper will be announced early next term.*

With the Survey Monkey results and the hard copies received so far, 27 people have responded. 18 out of the 27 are overwhelmingly positive. The idea of this survey was to give you another way of having your opinion heard following the public meeting. There seems to be some confusion about the extent of bilingualism we plan to offer out there in the community.

There will be only one bilingual class and it will be purely for those parents who choose to take up this opportunity.

Nothing will change in the other classrooms from what is already happening and they will continue with the same level of Te Reo as they do now.

The rest of the school will be organised in a similar way to how it always has been—classes will be made up according to numbers at each year level.

If you have any queries or concerns, please come and ask. I will try to answer them.

### PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

#### NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY

24th October at 2.45  
All welcome.

#### Facebook page—Ruakaka School

Terrienne Appleton is doing a wonderful job of letting people know about what is going on at school through our own Facebook page. Just put “Ruakaka School” into the search Section and you will find us.

### Enrolments 2014

If you know of any new children coming to Ruakaka School in 2014 please let me know. We would also like to know if your children will not be returning.

### BUS BEHAVIOUR

At the beginning of each year or when new children start at Ruakaka School, we ask them to sign a bus contract. In this contract the children agree to abide by our bus rules for the safety of the driver and all children on board the bus. At times we have incidents on the buses which are usually reported to me by the driver or bus monitors. We are taking any inappropriate behaviour on the buses seriously and after 2 warnings, the child will be removed from the bus for a week and it will be their parents responsibility to get them to school. We are hoping this is will not be necessary.

### **“INGA WA O MUA” - “LONG AGO” SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2013**

How proud were you of your children at last week's production? Weren't they wonderful? I know I was very proud of them all. So much effort went into learning all the individual parts, the songs and the waiata. Thank you to those who came to support their children, to the staff for all their hard work, to those who worked behind the scene on the night, to the boys from Bream Bay College who did the sound and lighting, to Dean Whitehead for filming the whole thing and to all of you who sewed costumes and painted props for hours. The whole show was written by children and staff and related to our focus for the year — Te Reo Maori and tikanga Maori.

### **CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

Sometimes you may have a concern with something within the school environment. If you do have a concern at any time, it is important that the correct procedure is followed so that this can be solved as quickly as possible.

The procedure is:

1. Go and talk to the classroom teacher.
2. If you do not get a satisfactory result, see the principal.
3. The very last resort is to go to the Board — unless it is about the Principal then go straight to the board.

When this procedure is not followed, our community is affected which results in confusion, and often wrong information being shared. This is not helpful for our families, or our staff. We cannot rectify a problem that we do not know about.

### **GREAT WRITING FROM ROOM 3**

#### **“I WILL MAKE IT” by Jordyn Bracken**

I heard the cold and crispy wind echo over the mountain  
The freezing snowy breeze land slide to the ground  
I saw my life flash before my eyes as I looked at the killer mountain  
The chunky block of ice, covered in a jacket of snow  
I felt the ground shiver with fear as I stepped out of the tent  
The cold frostbite crawling up my legs in wonder  
I wondered if I would ever get to the end of fear  
If I would survive through the crawling crispy killer mountain.

#### **“MY MOUNTAIN DREAM” by Catherine Hang**

I heard the tent flaps billowing in the wind  
The whistling wind cold and crispy  
The crashing of a waterfall  
A silent echo floating around the mountain  
I saw a majestic view that one can dream of but never see  
A large bird circling the peak of the grand mountain  
I felt the morning chill  
The crispy wind swirling all around me  
My cheeks prickle in the cold  
I wondered would my journey to the top be dangerous  
I wondered what lay beyond this peaceful scene.

### **ONE TREE POINT ENROLMENT ZONE**

As you will be aware, because of roll growth at One Tree Point School, they will be implementing an enrolment zone which is expected to be in place by the beginning of next year.

The main impact of this zone is that the Ruakaka Village area is no longer in the One Tree Point zone and so all new families coming into the village will come to Ruakaka School unless they wish to apply through a ballot to attend One Tree Point School. Children from the village who already attend One Tree Point School can continue

there until their schooling has finished, but any siblings will need to be balloted in but there is no guarantee that there will be spaces available for these siblings.

We have some wonderful families already coming to Ruakaka School from this area and we look forward to welcoming any new families in the future.

We are so lucky to have three excellent schools in the Bream Bay area which ensures that all of our children get the best possible education.



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## Notices

### Lunch Orders

**We have very limited range of food left for orders Friday as we are reducing stock to clean the freezers over the holidays. Please send your child with lunch tomorrow.**

### Lost property

Just a reminder there is an awful lot of lost property here at school as we are coming to the end of term it would be good to get your kids to check if they have clothing there. It will be thrown out if nobody claims the items.

### Community notices

Our local Kohanga Reo is taking enrolments for 2014  
It is a full immersion pre school for ages 0-5yrs  
Hours are 8.30 to 2.30 Monday To Friday The fees are very reasonable and negotiable. For more information please contact Francida on 4328514

Portland Kindergarten are interested in hearing from you if you wish to enrol your kids for 2014 they have spaces available.  
Adyn 094322533

Marsden Cove Fishing Club has a kids fishy day on the 4 October 2013  
Registration at 4-30pm @ the clubrooms all juniors need to bring an adult, fishing rod , bait, kids who can't swim will need to bring a life jacket.  
Longest fish will get a trophy.  
Members children \$2.00 non members \$3.00 for more information call 02173898.

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Holiday Programme dates 07-10-13 to the 12-10-13 contact 4322011  
0211148937

Bream Bay Cancer Support Group  
Breakfast fundraiser 12 October at 9am 79 Bream bay Drive Ruakaka Beach  
\$15.00 , \$5.00 going as a donation. Then at 11am a walk up the beach Come wearing Green.  
RSVP text or call Olga 0211502438

**Ruakaka Surf club open day Sunday 27th October  
at 10am all welcome for more information call  
Nikki on 4327252 or 0275846973**