

EASTER HOLIDAY – Just a reminder that school does not begin again until next Wednesday 3rd April – Tuesday is a holiday for schools.

HEALTHY FOOD OPTIONS – It is wonderful to see the healthy choices most children are making with their school lunches – with a huge help from you – thank you. PLEASE, no soft drinks or Energy drinks at school. They really do not help children's learning.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT – About every 3 years, the Education Review Office visits schools. This year they are coming to visit us in the week 8th-12th April. We will be holding a special powhiri for them first thing on the Monday morning, the 8th of April. If you are able to come along to meet them and welcome them, we would love to see you.

ALL – ACCELERATED LITERACY LEARNING – This year, some children will be selected to be part of this Ministry initiative to support them with their writing. This is about a 10 week programme and will be starting before the end of this term. If your child is selected for this programme, you will be sent a letter home. Two teachers and I will be attending 2 planning days in Auckland this week.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Waipu Easter CARNIVAL

9am till 2pm, Saturday 30th of March 2013 at Caledonian Park

FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- ⦿ Mini Hot Rods
- ⦿ Air Soft
- ⦿ Wave Rider
- ⦿ Bouncy Castle
- ⦿ Face Painting
- ⦿ Archery
- ⦿ Mini Golf
- ⦿ Pony Rides
- ⦿ Haystack
- ⦿ Giant Slide
- ⦿ Morning Teas
- ⦿ Crafts

For further information, visit
www.waipucarnival.com
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ALL PROCEEDS TO
WAIPU PRIMARY SCHOOL

AND LOTS LOTS LOTS MORE!
Auction Starts at 11am

Be Entertained by the Waipu Ride-on-Lawnmower Racing Club

- ⦿ Delicious Range of Foods
- ⦿ Glitter Tattoos
- ⦿ Live Entertainment
- ⦿ Fudge, Toffee Apples &
- ⦿ Yummy Treats
- ⦿ Candy floss, Slushies
- ⦿ Circool Circus
- ⦿ Plants, Preserves
- ⦿ Auction & Quick Fire Raffles
- ⦿ Volcano Adventure
- ⦿ White Elephant/Books

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We had a green day at school. Everyone dressed up and we did heaps of jobs.

A Balanced Education in a supportive environment

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tena koutou

Where has this term gone? We have been so lucky with the weather and some classes are still swimming. As the weather gets colder, teachers will use their discretion about swimming. Most classes will have finished swimming by the end of next week.

GREEN DAY – A huge thank you goes out to all of you who came along and helped on our “Green Day” last week. We managed to get so much done but there is still a huge pile of dirt to be moved so if any of you have a spare hour or two, we can always lend you a shovel!! The gardens are now all planted, the weed eater was used to clean up the long grass around our trees, the steps were painted in front of Block 1, the irrigation system is back working – plus heaps more. The Enviro-group will be starting up again very shortly so if you are interested in supporting this, please let either the office staff or Jennifer Hay know. Many hands make light work!

CAMPS – Last week, Rooms 3 & 4 spent 2 nights and 3 days at the Takahiwai Marae. We would like to express our thanks to the Marae for hosting us, and to all of the parents who were able to help. These programmes really need as much parental support as possible to proceed as it is a huge under-taking for teachers to do this. Unfortunately, because of insufficient numbers for the senior camp, there were some planned activities that could not happen. Regardless of this, they still had a wonderful time.

It was wonderful to see the whole school up at the Marae on Thursday morning and sharing kai in the wharekai. Thank you to all of you who transported children up for the morning – I hope you found the experience enjoyable – we are getting better at it!

Rooms 5 & 7 will be staying at school for a night this week. They have some exciting activities planned and it looks like the weather is going to be kind.

Mrs Moon - will be back to teach Music on the 5th April 2013. If your child does music, please send instrument and music with them on this day.

BEHAVIOUR – We have a small group of children in the school at the moment whose behaviour has been unacceptable and there is zero tolerance for this sort of behavior at Ruakaka School. As a result of this behaviour, some children were unable to go to the senior camp and others were sent home early. Below I have included some information for you all regarding “Bullying” which I hope you find useful. Please let us know straight away if you believe your child is being bullied. If your child is the “bully” we will be contacting you to support us with changing behaviour.

In accordance with National Administration Guidelines all schools are required to provide a physically and emotionally safe learning environment. This school defines bullying as the use of aggressive behavior towards others with the intention of causing harm to them. Bullying can be physical, verbal, emotional, sexual, racial, homophobic and cyber misuse. Students who are victims of bullying face physical harm and emotional stress that may result in reduced learning opportunities, long term damage, or withdrawal or worse. Bullies themselves also may suffer long term harm. The school seeks to foster a climate of trust where students feel able to inform others in the knowledge that it will be dealt with promptly and effectively.

Signs of Bullying

If your child is being bullied, he/she may show some of these signs:

- is reluctant to go to school
- doesn't want to go on the school bus, begs to be taken to school
- appears to change from usual routine
- seems to be withdrawn, anxious or lacking confidence
- starts to stammer
- has nightmares or cries in bed
- begins to underachieve at school
- complains of illness before school
- comes home with clothes torn or possessions damaged, graffiti on books etc
- asks for or starts stealing money
- frequently 'loses' money
- has unexplained injuries
- comes home hungry
- shows signs of aggression or disruption out of character is bullying sibling
- is afraid or reluctant to admit what is wrong
- gives unlikely excuses for any of the above