

## Show day

### Reminder please send in all last years trophies

Please contact Tania in the office if you are wanting to be one of our fabulous judges for the children's arts and crafts for show day. We normally need between 6-8 adults, grandparents welcome.

It's a fun day and does not take to long, so you can also be out on the field when the judging of the lambs and calf's is being done.

## Community Notice

### Incredible years

A free program to help with positive parenting 3-8 year olds. Childcare is available if needed it is a fourteen week program.

Venue: Bream Bay Community Trust 10.00 am to 1pm

Started on the 12 August—2 December

Contact 09 2839558 or cell 0275433148

Email [gayle@ngatiwai.iwi.nz](mailto:gayle@ngatiwai.iwi.nz)

### TREASURE ISLAND

Otamatea is putting on a pantomime

School matinees are on the 10th and 11th of September the cost per child is \$2.00 and adults \$5.00

Evening sessions are on the same days and the price is \$5.00 per child and \$10.00 per adult.

Please make your booking through Otamatea High School 09 431 8230

### Conservation Week

Conservation week 8-15 September 2013

This years theme is What's your whanau doing?

There are lots of awesome competitions and prizes.

Make a pledge and be into win a trip for four to Great Barrier.

For more information go to [www.doc.govt.nz/conservationweek](http://www.doc.govt.nz/conservationweek)

**Bream Bay Squash Club** are offering squash lessons for juniors any child 7yrs and up are invited to go along to the Bream Bay Squash courts to have a free trial these will be held on Friday afternoons between 3pm and 4-30 pm

All the equipment is provided

For more details contact Jared on 021 971 905

### Hollywood Princess Ball

A great night out for women and girls 6th September from 6-45pm at life point 300 One Tree Point Road.

\$5.00 if purchased before 1st September or \$10.00 after that date, tickets available from Sandra ph 432 8174 or 02102397431

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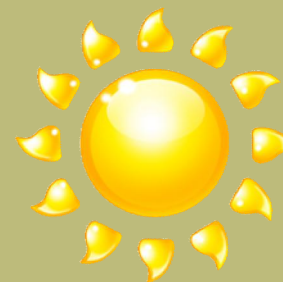
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### TERM 3

12th September - Winter Sports OTP

19th September - Production

24 September - Green Gold reflection day for parents.

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

21 November - Interschool Athletics

27 November - Kids Can Cook Show

4 December - Bus Wardens reward Day

12 December - Prizegiving 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



5th September 2013

## RUAKAKA SCHOOL NETBALLERS



### RUAKAKA SUPERSTARS

Casey McKegg, Lily Matenga, Bree Munford, Kiaralee Doak-Smith, Brooke Morgan, Ruby Somner, Lacy Clapham, Talia Williams, Jennifer Burchett, Azavia Paikea (OTP)  
Coach - Susan McKegg  
The Superstars had a fabulous season which wasn't always reflected in the score but everyone improved in leaps and bounds and came off smiling after every game. Well done girls! Bring on 2014!

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO SUSAN, TRACEY AND CHANEL**



### RUAKAKA TORNADOS

Leah Fowler, Jessie-Lee Ellery, Holly Munford, Jordyn Bracken, Ally Herbert, Maddison Allen (OTP), Abbey McKegg, Jemma Kerepo, Paton McKenzie  
Coaches - Tracey Bracken and Chanel Ellery  
The Tornados also had a wonderful season, moving up from grade 6 to grade 4 during the season. They won their last game 16 - 3.

Well done girls. Fantastic effort.

## Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

**Ko taku reo taku oho oho,**

*My language is my awakening*

**Ko taku reo taku mapihi mauria**

*My language is the window to my soul*

*A Balanced Education in a supportive environment*



## AND THE NEXT PROJECT IS .....

With money that we received from the ASB Community Fund, we are going to purchase a playhouse for the junior children. We are also going to construct some new climbing walls.

Watch this space!



## GREEN GOLD AWARD

This week members of our Enviro group met with Julie Holt to discuss our journey in Environmental Education so far. We already have our bronze and silver awards and are now applying for our Green Gold Award which takes a lot of work but is something that we know we are ready for. Very few schools have received this award.

On the 24th of September Julie would love to see any parents and Board of Trustees members here at any time of the day to join in the feedback process. This all goes towards helping us achieve the award.



## TE REO MAORI ENRICHMENT CLASS

This week we held a public meeting to discuss the possibility of starting a Te Reo Maori Enrichment class here at Ruakaka School in 2014. The meeting was well attended and some interesting discussions took place. Our aims for the programme will be:

**To allow tamariki and whanau to learn in an environment that is bi-culturally rich.**

**To build a culture of acceptance, understanding, pride and safety to celebrate one's own ethnicity.**

Our next steps will be to survey the community through Survey Monkey and/or hard copy to find out what support there is out there for this and to get expressions of interest. The results of this survey will determine our next steps. You will be notified when the survey goes up on line, or for those who would prefer a hard copy, these will be sent home or will be available at the school office. More information will follow about this exciting project.

## PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

### MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY (today)

**5th September at 2.45**

Please come along and support us. We are still looking for a volunteer to steer this group. HELP!!! We will support you all the way.

### 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.

## DENTAL THERAPIST

The dental therapist finally managed to get into the school over the very wet field. If your child needs treatment, you will receive a note home which needs to be filled out and signed before the treatment can proceed.

### ATTENDANCE

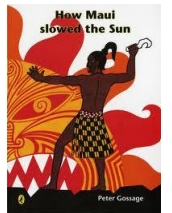
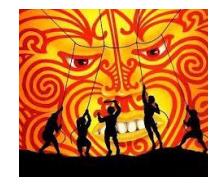
Thank you so much to all of you have been ringing the school to explain your child's absence. The truancy levels have certainly dropped as a result of this. We have had up to 30 children away on some days over the past week with a nasty bug that is going around. Most children are needing quite a lot of time off with it which has made rehearsals difficult for production but this can't be avoided.

## "I'NGA WA O MUA" - "LONG AGO" SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2013

This year our school production will be held on **Thursday 19th September at Bream Bay College Auditorium at 6.30pm.**

The production has been put together by the staff and is based on Maori myths and legends. The children are very excited and classes are practising every day. For this reason, normal programmes may need to be altered so that the children can confidently go on stage and perform. **Keep this date free. It will be fantastic as usual.**

**We are still needing help with making props and costumes so if you have any free time over the next week, we would love to see you.**



## "WHEELIE FRIDAYS"

These are going very well and the children are thoroughly enjoying bringing their wheels to school. We are planning to put in a new bike track over the next few months so bikes will become a big part of our playground activities.



## DUFFY SHOW

On Thursday 26th September we have our Duffy Show at 11.30am. You are all welcome to attend.

## DAFFODIL DAY SOUP AND STEW DAY

Last week we cooked up the leeks from our garden and added them to some potatoes and threw in some bacon! Yum!

We also used up all the stew we made for Matariki Day which was delicious. \$85 was collected for Daffodil Day for the Cancer Society.



## NUDE LUNCHES

As we are an Enviro - School and as we are currently going for our Green Gold Award, we are encouraging our children to bring "Nude Lunches" to school. These are lunches with foods that are not wrapped, or where the wrapping can be recycled. Many children are already achieving this. One of our biggest litter problems is little chippie wrappers. These little packets are not only more expensive but create a huge amount of rubbish.



This is an excellent example of a Nude Lunch Box. There are special lunch boxes you can buy but it is not necessary.



An example of a healthy lunch - to help make it 'nude', just use paper to wrap sandwiches, and buy big bags of snacks and put them in a small container.