



### TERM 3

8th August - Support Group Meeting, 2.45pm

15th August - Te Tuinga show Bream Bay College

30th August — Daffodil Day

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

21 November—Interschool Athletics

20 December — Last day

### Term Dates:

#### Term 3

29 July to  
27 September

#### Term 4

14 October to  
20 December

# RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

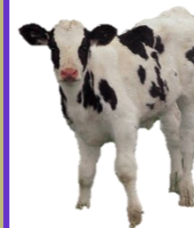


6th August 2013

## “SPRING HAS SPRUNG”



Room 5's daffodil garden is shining with daffodils which has certainly brightened a dark corner of the playground.



New calves and lambs are enjoying the sunshine everywhere. Remember, if your child is planning on bringing an animal to Show Day, they need to be born after the 1st of July.

Our new garden is looking wonderful. Thank you to Tania Herbert and James McCullough for their help with this.



## Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

### Tama tū tama ora

*Someone who is active is healthy*

### Tama noho, tama mate

*Someone who is inactive is unwell*

*A Balanced Education in a supportive environment*

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

With the help of some wonderful children to fill this garden with soil, we are now ready to start putting in the pou poles and plants. Watch this space!



## POU POLES PROGRESS

Some classes have finished their pou poles and others are still a work in progress. It certainly takes time if all children contribute which is how we are doing this project.

The next update will be when they are all completed and in the ground. What a great entrance to our school this will be.



## EXCELLENT WRITERS FROM ROOM 8

### THE FARM

*On Thursday we went to Stan and Rachel's farm. First I went on the quad bike. Next I saw the cows. The path to the cows was bumpy. After that we followed the cows to the cow shed. Rachel stuck her hand up the cow's butt. When she took it out the cow would poo. Then I went to see the pigs in the jeep. The pigs were eating scraps and after that we went to feed the chickens. The ram came in the chicken's house.*

*By Zoe Hall*



### GOING TO CATH'S

*One day in the holidays I went to Cath's place with Zoe. First we played with some animal toys and made a hospital for the farm animals and for the humans. Next we had a drink and a bickie. Then we went outside. Zoe showed me some paths. After that we went to Cath's garden. I liked going to Cath's because Zoe showed me some paths.*

*By Brooke Morgan*



## PARENT CORNER

### PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

#### MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY (tomorrow) 8th AUGUST 2.45pm

Please come along and support us. We have exciting planning to do. Your children can stay with you and we will find a way of amusing them. The meeting should be only about 1 hour.

### DENTAL THERAPIST

The dental therapist will be back at our school with the mobile caravan on the 20th of August and all children's teeth will be checked while they are here.

### ATTENDANCE

As a result of the Ministry of Education tightening up on truancy, there are truancy officers working with all schools to improve the attendance rates of our children. If your child is regularly away from school and the absences are unexplained there will be letters sent out to you. This will also apply if your child is often late or regularly has the same days of the week off. A reminder that legally, all children should be attending school every day after the age of six, unless they are sick or there are extraordinary circumstances.

## THE DUFFY SHOW

Once a year, our children are very lucky to have the 'Duffy Show' come and perform for them. It is free to the children because we have a wonderful sponsor, **Al Homes**, who make this possible. Their sponsorship also helps towards the cost of the books that your children are presented with as part of our "Caught Being Good" draw at assemblies each week. The Parent Support Group also contribute towards the costs of this wonderful programme. How many Duffy Books does your child have at home? Some children must have heaps!!



## PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES

### "WHEELIE FRIDAYS"

Starting this Friday, we are going to trial allowing the children to bring 'wheels' to school.

Whatever wheels they bring need to be able to be brought on the bus with them so no bikes please. Suitable wheels might be scooters, skateboards, roller blades .....

Please also send along any safety gear that the children have—helmets, knee pads etc.

Wheels will be stored over by the pool area and need to be taken home at the end of the day. PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILD'S GEAR.



## BUSY CHILDREN

It is always great to visit classrooms and see such busy children helping each other learn.



## THE NUKES CAME TO VISIT

Last week we had a fabulous performance by this group who played ukuleles and sung. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the show which also included a workshop for the children who are learning stringed instruments with Mrs Moon or who had a particular interest in music.

Thank you to the support group for providing the funds to pay for this.



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## Notices

### Banking ASB

To all you great kids who are doing school banking with the ASB well done. This is just a reminder to let you know that the ASB banking box is cleared every Friday morning so please make sure you don't forget to put your banking into the box before then.

### Mana Tū day

Mana Tū day will be held at BREAM BAY COLLEGE on the 18th August between the times of 11am and 1pm if your children are doing Kapa Haka they will be receiving a notice about this shortly.

### Lost property

There is still a large amount of lost property here at school if your child is missing shoes, sweat shirts or socks please come down to school to have a look or get the kids to come and have a look themselves, it must all belong to someone.

### Show day

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 too long, so you can also be out on the field when the judging of the lambs and calves is being done.

## Community Notices

### 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

### Paparoa Wearable Arts

There is already 50 entries as well as 15 for the under 12yrs headgear section.

There will be two shows on Saturday the 24th of August please contact Loraine if you need more information at [lorainerowlands@gmail.com](mailto:lorainerowlands@gmail.com)

**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