



TERM 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

10th July—Ripper Rugby coaching all children.

8—12 July — Portfolios home this week.

12th July—Last day of term 2

TERM 3

29 July—
First day of Term 3

1st August — The Nukes ukulele group visits

1st Aug— Public meeting at Otaika Valley School re enrolment zone 6pm.

2nd August — TEACHER ONLY DAY

30th August — Daffodil Day

12th September — Winter Sports OTP

19th September — Production

27th September — Last day of Term 3

Term Dates:

Term 2

6 May to 12 July

Term 3

29 July to
27 September

Term 4

14 October to
20 December

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



10th July 2013

MATHATHON & CROSS COUNTRY DAY

On the 28th of June we had a wonderful day here at Ruakaka School. It was another one of those days when so many parents and grandparents came along to support their children.

We started the day with assembly which many of you attended. We welcome you to our Friday assemblies at any time.

Then came the Mathathon testing which was very relaxed and enjoyed by all - especially those who had worked so hard to learn their maths examples.

Parents and grandparents supported the children either by helping with the testing in the junior rooms, or marking the senior classes work. Then the sponsor

sheets were tallied up. Thank you to all of you who helped. So far we have collected almost \$2000 and we know we still have more to come in.

Could all sponsor forms and money please be back to school by tomorrow.

After the Mathathon, we held our cross country and even though the field was very wet, the children ran so well. The smiles on their faces said it all.

The sausage sizzle at lunchtime finished off a great fun morning.



Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi

My achievements are not mine alone

Engari taku toa he toa takitini

They are the achievements of many

A Balanced Education in a supportive environment

ANOTHER PROJECT UNDERWAY

Room 3 and 4 are going to be planting out this garden very soon. Thank you to James McCullough for helping to put in the pathways. It is going to look fantastic. Watch this space!



POU POLES PROGRESS

This week the classes have started painting their pou poles. We would really love to see any parents or grandparents who can come down any time this week to support their children with this. We would love to get this project completed as soon as possible. The new garden area just inside our main entrance to the school now needs to be filled with soil ready for the pou poles to be displayed. How are you with a shovel and wheelbarrow?

We've started!



EXCELLENT WRITERS FROM ROOM 3

CROSS COUNTRY

When you do cross country running, you have to do a lot of running techniques. The main type of running is jogging so you can keep up your pace and speed. When you reach the



end you sprint! You need carbs which are rice, bread, pasta and protein which is meat and nuts but you eat it the night before because it gives you energy.

By Jayden Pook

CROSS COUNTRY

To give your best in cross country, world record runners have their heads down so they can get in the front of the group and create a slip stream and add speed intervals.

By Dillon Gibson



INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

We were very proud of the children who represented Ruakaka School at this event. We came 3rd overall. Congratulations to Blake Hodgson who came 1st in the 8 year old boys and Ella Johns who came 2nd in the 9year old girls.

Parent Support Group Survey results

Thank you to those of you who have returned the survey about the Parent Support group that was in the last newsletter. From the 14 responses that I received, the most favoured meeting time was on a Thursday at 2.45. So we will hold our first meeting on Thursday the 8th of August at 2.45pm. Children can play outside. The meetings are generally about an hour.

Parent Column

The most popular choices to spend the money on were the upgrading of the swimming pool sheds, solar heating of the pool, "Garden to Kitchen" programme, "Bikes in Schools" programme. Plans to tidy up the pool sheds are underway.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Just a reminder that this is on the first Friday of next term. **Friday 2nd of August.**

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

At the last Board of Trustees meeting, the Board decided to create a position in the school for someone to co-ordinate events, sports trips, environmental projects, grant applications If you are a person who is highly organized, has connections with people in our community, and is prepared to go that extra mile for our children, please send an expression of interest to the Principal, Ruakaka School.

“HERMAN THE GERMAN” FRIENDSHIP CAKE

Have your children been talking about our “Herman the German” cakes? We started these as part of our Matariki week and there have been several cakes made as a result of this and they have all been delicious! I have my own Herman growing at home at the moment which will become a cake on Thursday. Herman the German Friendship Cake is rumoured to have started in the Amish community in America, and was a way of sharing food amongst those who needed it. Adding basic ingredients meant something simple could blossom into something sweet and tasty. It's very similar to a sourdough starter, and has become like a modern cake chain letter. Each portion of Herman mix then blooms into four. You keep one and pass three on to your friends with a set of instructions.



If you would like either a ‘plant’ or a copy of the instructions come down to school and we may be able to help. Maybe you could share Herman with your friends.

Duck day only!



PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES

The recent sunny weather has certainly helped to get the children outside having fun. Walking around the playground is a pleasure at the moment with so many activities happening. There is chalk drawing, soccer, hut making, sand sculptures, shovelling dirt, the adventure playground—just to name a few. What a bonus every sunny day is at this time of the year.

Making a mermaid



Hut-making



shovelling dirt



SOME REMINDERS

School lunches

A reminder that Wednesdays are *pastry-free days* so there are no pies available on that day.

Healthy lunches

Next term we will be focusing on healthy food options and ‘nude’ lunch boxes. Lately we have noticed that some children are bringing along only processed foods which are

often full of sugar or salt and are packed in materials that we cannot recycle. They are also very expensive and so we encourage children to make sandwiches, bring fruit and other healthy food choices. We also do not allow soft drinks or energy drinks at school.



SITUATION VACANT AFTER SCHOOL CARE CASUAL WORKER

We have attempted to advertise this position in the local paper but unfortunately the advertisement either hasn't been put in or was incorrect and for this reason we are still seeking applicants for this casual after-school care assistant position.

Please ring the school if you are interested. (09)4327503

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Notices

Teacher only day at Bream Bay College will be on the first Monday after the holidays the 29 July so there will be no college buses running for those that go to OTP. Please organise alternative transport.

Absentees

While the majority of families contact the school when their child is absent for whatever reason either by phone or cell phone we still have a percentage of families who do not let us know.

If there is no way of contacting families and they do not contact us the child will be marked as truant.

In the past truancy has worked alongside the police to ensure that children who have poor attendance are supported so that their child can attend school.

From now on, truancy will also be assisting families that are regularly late and who show patterns of being away ie every Monday or Friday.

We have already compiled the list of families who show regular absentees or late arrivals and will be passing this on to the truancy authorities.

Our Cell phone is 021 0233 2267 land line 4327503 or email ruakaka@xtra.co.nz

DUFFY SHOW

The Duffy Theater will be coming next term to perform the Duffy loses His Words Show this is free to the children and parents are welcome to come along to watch.

We would like to thank AI homes for their support and sponsorship throughout the year enabling our children to receive Duffy books.

Returning of Permission Forms

Over the past few weeks there have been a few out of school activities Cross Country, Hockey etc. As the School needs to organise these events and transport, please ensure that the notices are returned by the due date on the form. If your child is chosen for one of these events and the forms are not returned by the due date, this may mean that your child will not attend.

Please help us to help your child attend these special events.

Lost Property

There is lots of lost property outside Room 1 at the moment - nearly all of it is BOYS clothing. There are lots of jackets, shoes and sweatshirts, someone must own it. Please come and have a look as we are disposing of it at the end of term!!

Community Notices

Department of Conservation

Come and join us at Uretiti campground Wednesday 17 July from 9-30 onwards The Department of Conservation will be preparing the site for the up and coming Living legends planting day on the 1st of September

Bring good shoes, water, food and suitable clothing for the weather.

Please contact Fiona Watson for further inquiries on 4703365

Holiday Programme

Active Attitude is running another holiday programme in the Bream Bay College Gymnasium for ages 5-12yrs

There will be a wide range of sports activities and gymnastics this will be held from 08-30 to 5.30 on the 16th of July

For more information please contact Ashleigh 9454876