

# RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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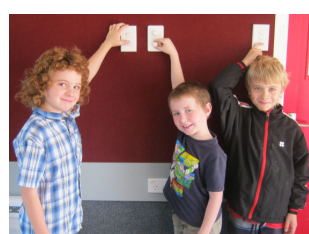
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13th June 2013

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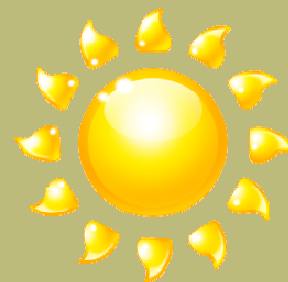
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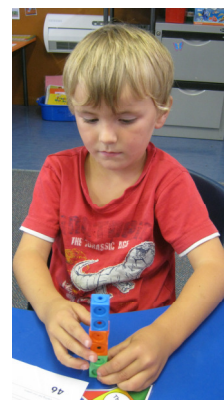
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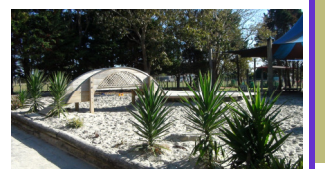
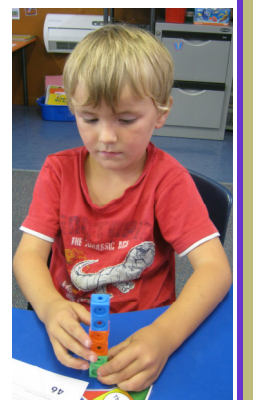
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## Notices

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Remember to keep this day free and come along to help and support the kids with their Cross Country.

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### Children's Absences

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