



#### TERM 2

##### UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 28th June —  
"Mathathon" & Cross  
Country

2nd July — BOT meeting  
5pm

4th July—Interschool  
Cross Country

19th June & 10th July—  
Ripper Rugby coaching all  
children.

8—12 July — Portfolios  
home this week.

12th July—Last day of  
term 2

#### 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

##### 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



27th June 2013

## MATARIKI FESTIVAL DAY

Last week we had a wonderful time celebrating Matariki. All classes took part in activities around Matariki and on Friday we had a Festival Day. Every child in the school made a Matariki stars and these are now displayed on the wall in the multi-purpose room. Come along and have a look.

Part of what Matariki is all about is sharing and looking after each other and so we cooked up heaps of kai and had a shared meal of pumpkin and kumara soup, lots of different breads, mince and beef stew.

The children tried most of the food and should have come home with full tummies! Thank you to all of you who provided ingredients, helped to prepare the kai, and for staying to help eat the food. We cooked so much that we have managed to put some into the freezer for another day.



## Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

***Whaia te iti kahurangi***

*Reach for the stars*

***Me ka tuohu koe, me maunga teitei***

*A Balanced Education in a supportive environment*



### POU POLES

The next exciting environmental project we are going undertake is to have each class paint their own Maori pou pole which will depict something from the other environmental projects we have achieved around the school. A huge thank you to Tania Herbert for all the work that she has done under-coating all of the poles so that they are ready to paint. In the last week of this term we will be all working on painting our poles.

All children will contribute to these poles in some way. We would really love to see any parents or grandparents who could come down any time during that week to support their children with this. You don't have to be a fantastic artist. Please let your child's teacher know if you can be there to help. We would love to get this project completed as soon as possible. They will be displayed in a new garden area just inside our main entrance to the school.



### EXCELLENT WRITERS FROM ROOM 4

#### HOCKEY HERO

Phil Burrows is running with the ball . He dribbles the ball with his hockey stick, his eyes are staring at the ball. He is thinking about scoring a brilliant goal with the crowd cheering him on. He drag flicks the ball into the top left corner of the goal, winning the game for New Zealand. The crowd goes wild with happiness

By Ben Litchfield



#### Shaun Johnson Takes A Dive

Shaun Johnson is running with the ball. He is sweating hard out, but he holds the ball with his strong right arm. One of the players from the other team came zooming as fast as lightning and side tackled Shaun Johnson. Shaun Johnson hit the ground hard core and broke his right arm and he walked off the field in pain. The Warriors lost the game 4-0.  
By Ropata



### Parent Column

#### Parent Support Group

We held a support group meeting on Monday this week and unfortunately only 2 parents attended. In this newsletter, I have included a short survey for you to fill out to see if we can find a suitable day and time that would fit with more of you. We currently have a large sum of money sitting in the bank that has been raised by our support group and we would like your feedback on how you would like

this spent. Please have your say on the enclosed survey and return to school by Monday 1st July so that I can take your recommendations to the Board of Trustees on Tuesday.  
**TEACHER ONLY DAY**  
Once again all staff from our 3 schools in Bream Bay will be attending a teacher only day around SOLO taxonomy on **Friday 2nd of August.** Please mark this on your calendar.

#### Facebook page

Do you know that we have our own Facebook page? If you use Facebook, keep an eye out for messages from school. There are often reminders on there about upcoming events. Thank you to Terrianne Appleton for being so onto it! If you have anything you would like to put on our page, please contact Terrianne or the office and we will pass it on.

## EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

At the end of last term we had 2 reviewers from the Education Review Office visit our school for 4 days. This happens every 3 years when schools are operating well, which we are. I would like to share with you some of the positive comments that came out of the review:  
Students enjoy the spacious and attractive grounds and interesting playground equipment provided for them.  
Classrooms are well equipped with teaching and learning resources, including computers and interactive whiteboards.  
Well complied portfolios enable students to share their learning with their parents over the school year.  
The school curriculum promotes and supports student learning effectively.

Students learn in an attractive, calm and settled environment. Good relationships are evident between teachers and students and between students.  
Experiences that support the school's focus on sustainability include local environmental studies and the harvesting of honey, olives, eggs and fresh fruit.  
Te Reo Maori and Tikanga Maori are beginning to be integrated into all learning programmes.  
Kapa haka is a continuing strength of the school.

A summary of the report will be available online over the next couple of weeks.

## MATHATHON & CROSS COUNTRY—TOMORROW

**MATHATHON — 9.30 — Straight after assembly**

**All children need to bring their sponsor sheets back tomorrow so that we can fill them in when they have been tested.**

The sponsor sheets will then be sent home with your child and they can begin to collect their money.



We would like all money back to school by the end of this term at the latest please.

**CROSS COUNTRY 11.00am**

A programme for this was sent out earlier this week.  
Please ensure that all children bring along a change of clothes and a towel—we will try to go ahead tomorrow if the weather is not really bad. They will also need a big drink and something warm to put on after running.



**The sausage sizzle will follow.  
Sausage and bread cost = \$2.00  
Children to pay at the office**



## ENROLMENT ZONES

As many of you are aware, there is considerable growth happening in the One Tree Point area and this is expected to continue.  
As a result of this, the Ministry will be putting in an enrolment zone around that school.

This will not affect us except that if you live anywhere outside the One Tree Point zone and wish to attend that school you would need to enter a ballot.  
The draft zone is up for consultation at the moment. There are expected to be some significant changes to their zone.

This may affect some areas of Springfield.  
A similar situation is happening at Otaika Valley School. We will ask for a map from both schools to display in our foyer showing the proposed zones.  
There will be a public meeting held at Otaika Valley School on Thursday 1st of August at 6.00pm to discuss their zone.



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## Notices

### VISITING PERFORMERS — “The Nukes.”

On Thursday 1st of August, we have booked a wonderful ukulele group to come and perform for the children. They will also be running a workshop over the lunchtime for a selected group of children. More information will follow.

**Reminder** No lunch orders tomorrow only sausage sizzle orders thank you

**Old clothes** We are in need of a variety of clothes for our sick bay for the kiddies that have the odd accident both girls and boys in all sizes would be welcome.

### Local News

#### Mid winter Xmas festival of flowers

On the 28th June till the 29th June the Marsden Bay Garden club will be at the Ruakaka Memorial Hall holding their annual garden and flower show. The children section is an arrangement in an egg cup These are to be delivered to the hall on the Friday morning for more information please call Marvyn Smith 4321220 or Noeline Willis 4328303 or ask at our office.

#### CatsallaD

July Holiday Programme  
22nd July 2013  
WINZ Child subsidies available  
For more information phone 021 1148937 or 4322011

#### Hockey

July school holidays hockey programme  
Days Monday to Thursday  
15th July to the 18th July  
9 am till 12 noon  
Cost is \$30.00 per day  
Pre registration is essential for registration via phone 4373830  
For questions please Email [rdm@northlandhockey.org.nz](mailto:rdm@northlandhockey.org.nz)  
Venue Whangarei ITM Hockey centre Park Avenue Kensington

#### Waipu Golf

Our new coaching bays will be open on the 30th June so come along and enjoy a family day out.  
They open at 12.30pm as well as games for adults and kids organized by golf Northland.  
2pm Tarten Ambrose Teams Tournament dress in tartan, prizes for the best dressed teams.  
The Café will also be open from 10am Waipu golf club 09 4320259

#### Country house to rent

Tidy 3 bdr, fenced, internal access garage, fireplace.  
We are looking for careful tenants who like a rural surrounding.  
Bond and ref required No dogs or smokers thanks \$280.00 per week  
Phone Stacey on 4322501