



TERM 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

16th & 23rd May—Parent Interviews

17th May—Room 4 to visit Fire Station

16 & 17 May—Hockey coaching all children

24th May—Wacky Hair Day / Wheels Day

3rd June—Queens Birthday

17th—21st June—Life Education Caravan

28th June—"Athon" day & Cross Country

4th July—Interschool Cross Country

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

12th July—Last day of term.

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



16 May 2013

WHEELS DAY / WACKY HAIR DAY—Friday 24th May

I managed to search through the photo archives to find these gorgeous photos of some of our current children at past Wacky Hair Days and Wheels Days. Haven't they grown? On Friday 24th of May—next week, we are going to combine a Wheels Day with our Wacky Hair Day. The Wacky Hair Day is to raise funds for the Westpac Chopper Appeal. We would like all children to bring along a gold coin to help towards this very worthwhile cause—

who knows when we may need their services. As well as coming along with 'wacky' hair, the children are also able to bring along their wheels for the day — bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller blades etc. We would encourage all children to bring their helmets and/or any other safety gear they may have. We will also be having a sausage sizzle on the day with sausages donated by Hellers — "Sausages for Schools" programme. I will send out more information early next week.



Te Reo phrases for the Week

Ka rawe hoki!— That's fantastic!

Whakatika to ruma moenga — Please tidy your bedroom.

Tau Ke tena whakaaro — What a great idea.

A Balanced Education in a supportive environment

HUT MAKING



At the moment we have many children who are so involved in hut making on the back field. They are out there at every opportunity and have become very creative. Our biggest problem is that we don't have enough materials for them at the moment

and some of the materials we do have, need to be disposed of. This is another plea for some more big drums, thick planks of wood, large spools from electrical wire etc, wooden boxes —just use your imagination and think back to what you used to make huts when you were a child.

WONDERFUL WRITING

Read all about the farmer's wife, Jess, written by Catherine Hang in Room 3. Well done Catherine.

Farmers wife, Jess, with her golden rolling pin, 30 State Highway 1 on Faraway Hill, was making her to-die-for decorated cookies when suddenly a crazy Ginger Baby leapt out shouting, "Take this old lady!"

"When I see that cookie, I'll eat it before he can say, oh crumbles!" shouted Jess while waving her golden rolling pin dangerously over her head.



**"Picasso Face"
by Jackson
Room 9**

Parent Teacher Interviews

Please make sure you have made an interview for your child / children to meet with their teacher.

Thursday the 16 May has a few appointments available, but there still spaces available on Thursday 23 May. Please contact the office as soon as possible to arrange a time. This is a great

opportunity for the teachers to touch base with you on how your child is progressing and helps everybody to support your child with their learning.

BoT Elections

Board of Trustee Elections are coming up. Nominations closed midday on the 16th May. If the number of

nominees is the same as, or less than, the number of vacancies then the nominees will be declared elected, and no election will be required. If there are more nominations than vacancies for Parent Representatives, eligible voters will be posted voting forms and candidate statements on or about Tuesday 21 May 2013.

HEALTH MATTERS

WHOOPING COUGH

Over the holidays one of our children was very sick with whooping cough. There have been several cases of this reported in Northland recently.

The time between exposure and sickness is 4-10 days, the symptoms are running nose, persistent cough followed by "whoop", vomiting and breathlessness. The child is infectious from the first signs if not treated with antibiotics. If the child has had antibiotics, they are infectious until 5 days of the antibiotic treatment.

NITS / HEAD LICE

These little beasts are also prevalent in our school at the moment. If we all take the time to check our children's hair and treat it, hopefully we will help to calm them down somewhat.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR TODAY.

If you have difficulty sourcing treatment, please come and see us here at the office.

EARRINGS

Please check the earrings that your children are wearing to school. Only studs are suitable for school please as anything else can be caught on things and cause a nasty accident.

"I LOVE MY FAMILY"

It was a twilight moon. My family and I were at Taipa Bay in a great spa. Casey and I got bored so jumped into the cold pool. After a while we got very cold so we jumped into the relaxing spa. We told jokes. Casey and I were actually a bit naughty and sat on the cover of the spa. It was a great twilight night for all of us.

My Mum's favourite joke was "What do you do when there is a bra on the road?Be careful, it might be a booby trap." I love being with my family. Even though they can be a bit crazy, I still love them. They make my world a happy place.



Abbey McKegg wrote a wonderful story about spending time with her family. Well done Abbey.

RUAKAKA SCHOOL RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN

Our 3 rules are:

Be kind to other people

Do the right thing in the right place

Care for our environment.

As part of each newsletter I will be including some updates on our responsible behaviour plan that we are currently trialing. For most children, this will rarely be needed but if your child is

one of those children who breaks our three simple school rules, you may need to become involved in the process. Currently there are at least 5 adults in the playground during breaks—particularly lunchtime.

If your child breaks one of our rules, particularly our first rule, they will be "red carded" and sent to the staff deck where they will

remain for at least one playtime. After 3 red cards, you will be phoned and incident reports will be shared with you. All of the wonderful children who are so good, will be given "green cards" which will entitle them to a treat on Fridays. **If you are able to come down to school at any time to help supervise a fun activity, please let us know.**



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Scholastic Reminder

Generally children receive Scholastic Book Orders on a Monday afternoon. The orders are due in on the following Monday to the office. Please remember that they are to be paid either by Cheque made out to Scholastic New Zealand, or fill in the credit card section. NO CASH please.

Pastry Free Day for Lunch Orders

As we are a health promoting School, Wednesdays are our Pastry Free Day. If your child orders a pie, they will be given a wrap or similar product. They will not receive a pie on Wednesday.

Please ensure that the correct amount is put into an envelope, with the child's name, class number and order written clearly on the outside. We will no longer accept children coming to the office with money in their hand, asking for the office staff to fill in their lunch order. This takes up valuable morning time. If you require the latest lunch order menu, please send your child up to the office for a copy.

Children's Absences

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please contact the office on 432 7503 or text on 021 0233 2267 or email on ruakaka@xtra.co.nz. If you fail to contact us, and we are unable to contact you, your child's absence will be recorded as TRUANT. If there is a regular pattern to non-attendance, then steps will be taken to rectified this. This also includes regular latecomers.

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE ASSISTANT NEEDED

As our numbers have grown at our Afterschool Care Programme, we are now looking for an assistant to help on a casual basis - Monday to Friday, 2.30 - 5.30pm.

If you love kids, are reliable, flexible, trustworthy and caring, this may be the job for you.

Please send your CV and a covering letter into the school with 2 references by Monday 27th of May.

