



TERM 4

21 November - Interschool Athletics

22nd November - Milo 8 Cricket Y5 & 6

27 November - "Kids Can Cook" Show

27th November - "Coppers on Choppers" to visit.

29th November - Yachting for Y5&6

4 December - Bus Wardens Reward Day

5th December - Whole School trip to the zoo.

12 December - Prize-giving 12.00 -2.00

16 December - Year 6 Graduation

20 December - Last day



TERM DATES 2014

Term 1 — 3rd February - 17th April

Term 2 — 5 May - 4th July

Term 3 — 21st July - 26th September

Term 4 — 13th October - 15 or 16 December

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



SCHOOL ATHLETICS 2013



We had a fantastic Athletics Day last week and the weather was beautiful. The interschool athletics are scheduled for today. Good luck everyone!

Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

He kakano ahau I ruia I Rangiatea

I am a seed which was sown in the heavens of Rangiatea.

A Balanced Education in a supportive environment

JAMES' PROJECT UPDATE

Here is an update on James' latest projects:

- Bikes in Schools - No more news on this yet - it is just a waiting game for funding.
- ♦ Climbing wall – This is now almost complete and the children are loving it. Watch this space - more happening!
- ♦ Garden to Table initiative - We now have the irrigation system working again so hopefully our plants will be thriving.
- Regardless of whether or not we get the funding, we plan to take the whole school to the Zoo on the 5th of December.
- The wooden steps in front of Rooms 1 & 2 are rotten and are being replaced.
- The koru around the pou poles in the front garden has been started this week as well as the planting.

AUCKLAND ZOO HERE WE COME!

On Thursday 5th of December we plan to take the whole school to Auckland Zoo. We will not be taking children whose behaviour has been inappropriate. We will be travelling by bus but will need some cars as well. A note will come home next week.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Have you sent your Christmas goodie along for our Christmas raffle? We would like all contributions in by Monday of next week if possible please. For every item brought along, your child will be given a "Caught Being Good" voucher to go into the weekly draw at assembly. We will be sending out tickets to be sold with each family early next week.

SWIMMING TO START

As the pool is now warm enough, swimming will start next week. All children are expected to swim every day unless they have a medical reason. Please send a note along with your child on those days. They will need to wear a bathing cap which are available from the office for \$5.00. It is very important at this time of the year for all clothes to be named.

KAPAHAKA PERFORM AT RANBURN

On Tuesday our kapahaka group visited the elderly folk at Ranburn Resthome in Waipu. We were very proud of their performance and the residents loved them. I'm sure it made their day and they will be talking about it for ages.



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

CHANGE OF DATE!!!! GALA DAY 2014

Now 1st NOVEMBER

Due to a clash of dates with the One Tree Point fireworks night, we have changed our date. We already have a small team working on this but need as many as possible. We would love to see you at our next meeting. We plan to have a music theme so if you have any ideas, let us know. Please get involved. Many hands make light work!

Enrolments 2014

We already have several children that we know about that will be enrolling here in 2014, but if you know any others or if you will not be returning to Ruakaka School next year, please let me know.

RUAKAKA SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARADE

This year we plan to enter a float into the Ruakaka Christmas parade. We will use the theme from the production so that the costumes and props are taken care of. If your child would like to be part of this, please look out for a notice coming home soon. We will be interested to know what props are at home and also what costumes.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO Barefoot and Thompson Real Estate



After the generous donation of computers recently by the Independent Petroleum Laboratory, last week we also received computers from Barefoot and Thompson — 10 of them! Wow, that means that we now have 13 more computers to go into classrooms. Thank you so much!

TV Takeback update

We ended up collecting 150 old TVs and 40 votes for Ruakaka School. We also received a koha for doing this so it was very worthwhile for both our environment and the school.

OLD/UNUSED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WANTED

We have a group of children who love to pull things apart (and sometimes put them back together). If you have any old electronic gear at home, we would love to use it for this purpose. Please bring it along to school.

PARKING - AI HOMES

We have had a request from AI Homes which is across the road from school, for people not to park on the metal area outside their gate. This prevents large vehicles from getting onto the site. Thank you for your help with this.

GREEN GOLD AWARD

What an exciting day we had on Monday! I was so proud of our children and it was heart-warming to hear the things that the children enjoy about Ruakaka School, the huge number of activities that we offer, plus the knowledge the children have gained over recent years.

**IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED
THAT WE ARE A GREEN GOLD
SCHOOL.**

This is the highest Enviro-schools award which will be presented to us at a special

assembly on Friday 6th of December. We would love you to come along and join us.



We worked so hard and did lots of thinking.

OUR NEW SUNSHADE



Our new sunshade is now up over the sandpit thanks to a grant of \$10,000 from Trustpower and the rest of the money from our Support Group funds.

It looks amazing.



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Notices

New laws around car seats for children.

As many of you probably know, there is now a new law out which states that all children up to seven years old must travel in booster seats (or older if your child is under 148cms tall). This means that for these children, parents will need to provide booster seats for them when they go on class trips.

We apologize to those parents whom we didn't remind about this for the kapahaka trip to Ranburn. We will purchase some 'emergency' booster seats to keep at school but will need all parents to provide one for their under 7 children when we have class trips. We want to keep our children safe.

8:15 Drop off

Just a reminder that children are not to be dropped off at school before 8:15am.

Show Day Cups

Can all children who received a cup on show day, please return them to the office by 22nd November so we can send them to town to be engraved.

Community notices

Bream Bay Ballet Extravaganza

Alice in Wonderland and Classical Ballet to Straus

This extravaganza will be held at Bream Bay College on the 30th of November at 1.00pm

Tickets on sale at Bream Bay Office Services in the town centre

Or Kristin Orr There will be door sales available on the day.

Adults \$10.00 and children \$5.00 Kristin Orr 4328215

Ruakaka Christmas Parade

21st September 2013

Starts at 10-30 am come along and meet Santa and enjoy the Christmas cheer. The parade leaves the Marsden Tavern at 10.00am .

To register call Bert 4327228 or Roger 4328999

Waipu Christmas Parade

24th December parade starts at 7-00pm

1st prize \$1000.0 2nd prize \$500.0

To the best dressed spectator \$100.00

If you wish to register please call Judy on 4324000

Revitaglass Christmas Sale

December the 7th at 4 Kepa Road Ruakaka

Please come along to our Christmas factory sale

Wonderful Christmas gift ideas