



TERM 1

10th April - Parent Support Group meeting

10 April - Junior School Outdoor day

11 April - Easter raffle drawn

16th April - Youth Summit Year 6 only

TERM 2

15th May - Parent Interviews 3:00pm - 7pm

21 May - Parent Interviews 3:00pm - 5pm

4-6 June - Year 4-6 school camp.

TERM 4

17th October - Show Day

Saturday

1st November

GALA 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



10th April 2014

Waitangi Trip



Our children had a wonderful trip up to Waitangi last Friday. It was an early start and late finish, so thank you to all parents and caregivers for getting your children here. It was certainly worth the effort as the children have come back to school with lots of knowledge and excitement about what they have learnt. Thanks to The Oxford Sports Trust for their funding for the buses.



Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Mā pango mā whero ka oti.

By black and red together it is done.

(The united effort of the leaders and the workers will get things done.)

A Balanced Education in a supportive environment

JAMES' PROJECT UPDATE

BIKES IN SCHOOLS – OFFICIAL OPENING..

We have received a wonderful letter from the Whangarei Deputy Mayor, Sharon Morgan. Below is an extract from this letter. It is great to have such positive feedback. We hope your children are enjoying using the bike track. We have passes for lunch time rides and it's wonderful to see the children using the track.

Thank you for a wonderful experience at your school

Please convey to your staff, parents and pupils, my sincere thanks for a truly inspiring experience at the launch of your Bikes in Schools project on 14 March.

The warmth of your welcome and your continued hospitality throughout the event were greatly appreciated, and I had a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

I congratulate you, your staff and pupils, the Board of Trustees and parents for their commitment and hard work on this initiative, which will be of enormous benefit to your school and the wider community. This is a wonderful example of the efforts of a few bringing benefit to many through the effective collaboration of stakeholders.

I look forward to hearing what you all gain from the Bikes in Schools programme, and would appreciate one of your students keeping me updated in a letter from time to time, which can be directed to the above address.

ESTUARY TRIP

Rooms 6 and 7 visited the Ruakaka Estuary as part of their outdoor education programme. The children were asked to answer what an estuary is and what makes an estuary unique? They had a wonderful day and were lucky enough to spend some time creating sand sculptures.



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting is today at 2.45pm!! We need as many people to attend as possible as we are busy organising our huge Gala. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Unfortunately there were not enough responses to this invitation to warrant holding it and so it was cancelled. We apologise to those of you who were keen to attend.

BUS BEHAVIOUR

We have had some complaints about behaviour on the buses. Children need to remain seated quietly for the whole journey and listen to the driver and bus monitors at all times. If a child continues to come to our attention then steps will be taken to stop the behaviour, which can include removing the child from the bus.

START OF TERM 2

The start of term two is 5 May.
Have a wonderful Easter and a safe holiday.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all of you who have already returned your raffle tickets and money to school. There are 5 baskets to win. We will draw the raffle at assembly on Friday 11th of April. Thanks to Terri-Anne for all her work putting this raffle together.





FOOD FOR LIFE

On Tuesday, we trialled the Food For Life programme. The children and staff enjoyed pizza, potato salad, apple crumble and custard for lunch. The programme starts next term and a small koha would be appreciated for each meal. If you have any excess fruit and vegetables, these can be dropped off at the school and the providers will pick them up on Tuesdays. There are no school lunch orders on these days.



TENNIS

On the 19 March, we sent 6 children to Northland Primary Doubles Tennis Tournament. Ella Johns and Jessica Carswell won 1st place in the Primary Girls and Ben Litchfield and Blake Hodgson won 1st place in the Primary Boys. Well done!!



Winning boys in action



The Team



Winning girls combination

CAMP NOTICES

Can you please make sure that all camp notices are returned to the office as soon as possible.

TRUANCY \ LATE TO SCHOOL

If your child is away from school for any reason, please either ring the office or text the school cell phone with the child's name, room number and **REASON** for their absence. If we do not hear from you, your child will be marked as truant. If a pattern arises, then we are obligated to inform Truancy. Please make sure you get your child to school by 8:30 as the first half hour of school is really important as it sets up your child for the day. Thank you for your help in these matters.

LOST PROPERTY

There is lots of clothing in lost property at the moment. Please come and have a look through it before the end of term. It **MUST** belong to our children.



DUFFY SHOW

We are lucky enough to have an inspirational person come to talk with our children on 16 April at 1:30pm in the Multipurpose Room. You are welcome to come and listen. A huge thank you to AI Homes for your sponsorship of this programme.

12 Sandford Rd
Ruakaka
RD1
Whangarei 0171

Phone:
(09) 432-7503

Fax:
(09) 432-8631

Mobile:
(021) 0233 2267

E-mail:
ruakaka@xtra.co.nz

Web:
www.ruakaka.school.nz

Find us on Facebook:
Ruakaka Primary School Friends

Website
www.ruakaka.school.nz

Notices

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Gala

This is coming up fast!! Remember to book the date on your calendar -

1 November 2014.

If you can help way, please contact James or Marilyn, this is a huge day for us and many hands make light work.

Notices

We know that there are lots of notices that are sent home. It is your child's responsibility to get the notices to you, it is your responsibility to read the notices and sign them, and it is your child's responsibility to return to notice to school by the required date. Please help us by checking your child's bag every night.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

Thank you to those of you who have paid school donations this year. This money is a huge help towards buying those extras for your children. If you still wish to do this, our bank account is:

ASB Whangarei 12-3099-0483260-01

1 child donations are \$12.50 per term or \$50.00 per year

2 children \$22.50 per term or \$90.00 per year

3 or more children \$30.00 per term or \$120.00 per year

You can also pay this at the office by cash or cheque.

Sorry but we DO NOT have eftpos.

Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Action Zone Autumn Camp

Date: Sunday 27 April (2pm) to Friday 2 May (10am)

Ages 9-13yrs (up to Y8)

For more information contact: Trish Ellis 438 0333 or actionzonecamps@gmail.com

Kingdom of Zion Lion Park

Special rate of \$10 for a child. This applies from 16 April thru to 4 May. Child must be accompanied by a full paying adult, max 4 children. Children aged between 2 to 16. For more information, 435 0110 or office@kingdomofzion.co.nz

2014 Whangarei Hockey Holiday Programme

Perfect for anyone that loves playing hockey and wants to improve their skills.

28th April, 29th April, 30th April, 1st May 9 to 12 noon each day.

\$30 per day, ITM Hockey Centre

Portland Kindergarten

Vacancies now available. Contact the staff on 432 2533, email Portland@nka.org.nz or visit the Kindy at Portland School Road between 9am - 12 pm Mondays to Fridays.

Marsden Lions Club Charity Golf Tournament 2014

Friday 16 May 10am - 18 Holes

Supporting Northland Hospice & Ruakaka Surf Life Sving Club

Entry fee \$75.00 includes course fees, evening meal, on course food and refreshment and prizes.

Contact Keith Harris 433 0259 or Hope Laurence 022 408 7941 or email marsdenlions@gmail.com