



#### TERM 2

12 June - Wintersports

23-27 June - Book Week

26 June - Support Group Meeting

27 June Dress Up as Book Character Day

30 June - 4 July - Matariki

3 July - Portfolios Home

#### TERM 3

18 Sept - Talent Quest

#### 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



**12th June 2014**

## SENIOR CAMP

Wow! What an amazing 3 days the senior children had a camp last week. The Campbell Park Christian Camp at Mangawhai was a magnificent venue with everything there that the children, parents, grandparents and staff needed to have 3 very memorable days. The children took part in fishing, golf, horse trekking, rock wall climbing, cupcake making, plus heaps of other on-site activities. Thank you so much to all of the enthusiastic helpers that made this one of the best camp experiences ever. It is a wonderful way of meeting other parents and of getting to know our children. The hours of work that Ramari Pirihi, Gillian Roberts and Sarah Sade put in to this needs to be acknowledged – congratulations to everyone involved.



## Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

**Te amorangi ki mua, te hapai o ki muri**

*The leader at the front and*

*the workers behind the scenes.*

*(This was certainly demonstrated at the senior school camp last week)*

**A Balanced Education in a supportive environment**

### **JAMES' PROJECT UPDATE**

The big container now has doors on both ends so that all of our new bikes can be locked away. A huge thank you goes out to James and his Dad, Dennis McCullough who have been working away on this over the past few weekends. The last things to be done are the exterior painting and security. The children will be able to come in one end and go out the other end with their bikes which will be great.

**NEXT PARENTS SUPPORT GOUP MEETING - Thursday 26th June at 2.45pm**

### **WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT**

As I am writing this newsletter, I am sitting looking out my office window, wondering if we are going to manage to hold the Winter Sports Tournament after all the rain we have had this week but the sun has come out so hopefully it will go ahead. The children have had little time to practise due to being on camp last week so we will just have to rely on their natural skills and their go-out-and-get-them attitude! Thank you to those of your who have offered to come along and manage teams and referee.

### **BOOK WEEK /MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS**

Book Week this year is the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> of June and Matariki is in the last week of term. On Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, we will be holding a combined character dress-up day/ Matariki Festival day. We will hold a parade so that the children can show off their costumes and there will be a shared lunch for all – soups and stew or similar. If you have any extra meat in your freezer like mince or stewing meat, we would be very grateful if you are able to donate this for the children to cook up. We will also need vegetables for soup and to add to our stew. More information will follow about this.

### **BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

Also on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, there will be a Blue Light Disco at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre. It will start at 6pm and finish at 7.30pm.

This is open to Year 1-6 children from One Tree Point, Waipu, and Ruakaka School. The theme is mid-winter Christmas.

Parents/Caregivers must bring their child/ren into the event and come inside to collect them at the end of the event. Children need to bring \$3 and their permission slip with them on the night. There are spare permission forms at the office.

Spot prizes will be given out for the best dressed in theme on the night.

The \$3 goes towards the cost of the venue hire and DJ for the event. Blue Light will have a canteen with treats and drinks available for sale at the event.

### **GUITARIST NEEDED**

We have a very talented kapa haka group here at school. We are looking for someone who can volunteer to come along and play the guitar for them every Thursday afternoon from 1.15pm – about 2.30pm. Please just come along or phone the office if you need more information.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Our Board of Trustees is still seeking someone to take the place of Adrienne Carswell who is our finance person. If you have any skills at all in this area, please contact either myself here at school or James McCullough (board Chairperson) on 4330464. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in your child's school.

### FEEDBACK FROM OUR PARENT INTERVIEW SURVEY

Thank you so much to those of you who took the time to complete this Health survey. There were 37 responses.

The survey asked how you felt about Milk in Schools, Breakfast Club, Bikes in Schools, Nude Lunch boxes, Food For Life, and Environmental Education programmes.

Every response to these initiatives was very positive – just a few of you felt that the ‘nude’ lunch boxes can be a challenge. We are trying to create an awareness for our children about unnecessary rubbish filling our landfills. Pre-packaged food is also much more expensive than buying larger packets and dividing it up into small, reusable plastic bags or containers.

#### **Awesome! Wonderful! Great! Excellent! Cool!**

These words featured frequently in your responses.

I also asked you if you were experiencing concerns around nits and bullying.

Most responses said that nits are not a problem but there are still some of you who are finding this an issue sometimes and 3 responses felt this was a concern.

**NITS:** We try our very best to deal with this issue but if every family does not follow the correct procedure to get rid of these creatures, the rest of our children keep getting re-infected. PLEASE, if your child brings a notice home about nits, help us by checking your child’s hair and if you find these beasties present, TREAT them before sending your child back to school. You will need to do this more than once, as well as change the bed linen – it is a real pain but the only way we will get rid of them. Thank you for your help with this.

**BULLYING:** It was reassuring to see that for many of your children, bullying is not an issue but there are still some children who are affected by this sometimes. Again, it is an issue that we are constantly dealing with and I believe it is getting much better. With so many lively children in one area, there is always going to be a degree of bullying but we strongly discourage it, and there are consequences for this behaviour. Most of you felt that if there was bullying, it is being dealt with.

### FOOD FOR LIFE

Thank you to those of you who have bought along Koha and donations of food for this wonderful programme.

### GALA PROGRESS

Our gala committee are busy working behind the scenes looking for sponsorship. One of the main things we are looking for at the moment is businesses that might like to sponsor one of our rides. This can be anything from \$200 to sponsor one of the jeeps through to \$1000 to sponsor one of the bigger rides. Please let us know here at school if you would be interested in supporting us in this way.

Thank you to those of you who have already had a sort out and have brought unneeded goodies down to the school for the White Elephant sale. Keep it coming!

Are you an artist, weaver, sculptor, carver or creative in any way? We are looking for pieces of work to go into our auction. Come on all you creative people. We are looking for an MC for the day - do you know anyone?

### SCHOOL GALA

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## Notices

### SICK BAY

We require clean single sheets for the sick bay. If you have any that you can donate to the school, please send them along to the office.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### Zumba Classes

**ZUMBA** New class starts Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 9.15-10.15am at Ruakaka Memorial Hall... Easy to Follow, Fun to Learn, Latin-inspired dance fitness-party, Suitable for All!!! Free Concession Card given to the person that brings the most friends along. Phone Annette Brown 0275 505 000 for more info.

#### Piano, Keyboard and Guitar Lessons

These are available on Monday or Friday's, here at the school, please phone Mrs Moon on 432 0804.

#### Help your child to learn

Is your child struggling to learn? Free workshop facilitated by experienced tutor. 3 sessions held between 9—23 June (6pm - 8pm) Registration essential, email [cew@kamohigh.school.nz](mailto:cew@kamohigh.school.nz) or phone 435 0889. For my information <http://www.cew.ac.nz/HelpChildLearn.html>

#### Actionzone Camps

First week of holidays 6th to 11th July at Marsden Bay Christian Camp. Register at [www.actionzonecamps.com](http://www.actionzonecamps.com)

#### House wanted to Rent

2 - 3 bedroom house wanted for a couple and 2 children. Anywhere between Ruakaka to Oakleigh Service Station area. Please contact Debra on 021 433 453. References available.

