



TERM 1

Tuesday 25th February -

Board of Trustees meeting

5th March - School Swimming Sports

13th March - Interschool Swimming Sports

24th March - Class and individual photos.

16th April - Youth Summit

TERM 2

4,5 & 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

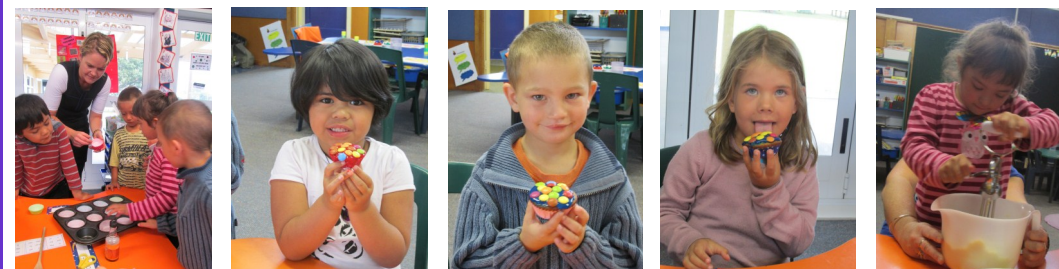
Term 3 — 21st July - 26th September

Term 4 — 13th October - 15 or 16 December

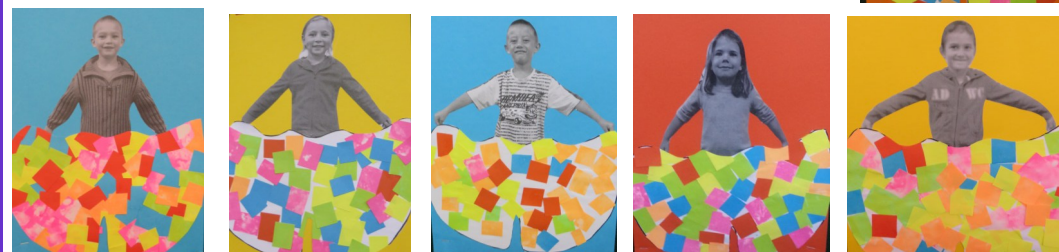
RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



13th February 2014



Room 2



Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Kanohi kitea

Visit, keep in touch; be seen to be actively involved.

A Balanced Education in a supportive environment

JAME'S PROJECT UPDATE

- ♦ Bikes in Schools – Great news! We have managed to secure funding to purchase around 30 new bikes for the school. As well as this, every child will be supplied with a bike helmet which have been sponsored by Fonterra. Support group funds are paying for the lime chip to create the first track. We are expecting this to arrive any day now.
- ♦ Climbing wall – Very soon this will have a whole new look after Richard Robinson has painted a mural onto it. Thank you Richard. Watch this space.
- ♦ Wireless connection - Irene Palmer has been working hard this week to install this system throughout the school and we are now waiting for it to be activated in Auckland. Well done Irene.
- ♦ Over the holidays, James spent hours replacing the steps outside Rooms 1 and 2 as the timber was very rotten. Another great job completed.
- ♦ We are waiting to hear from the Oxford Trust about some i-pads for the school and an i-pad trolley.



Dennis and James were busy today clearing out the shed ready for the first lot of bikes! Exciting stuff!



BILINGUAL CLASS UPDATE

Our new bilingual class was blessed by our Kaumatua on the first day of the term. There are 23 children in the class so it is at full capacity at this stage. The tamariki are so excited and enthusiastic which is wonderful to see. At this stage routines and expectations are being worked on in the class and Te Reo is being introduced slowly into the daily programme. English will still be a very major part of the learning programme.

Just to dispel any rumours you may have heard, we are not totally bilingual and we are not a Maori school. We are just offering this opportunity to families who want this experience for their children. It is a very exciting time for education in the Bream Bay area.

As per the National Education Guidelines, the Ministry expects:

“Increased participation and success by Māori through the advancement of Māori education initiatives, including education in Te Reo Māori, consistent with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.”



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our first meeting for the year is Thursday 27th February at 2.45pm.
If you are new to our school, this is a great way to get involved.
ALL WELCOME.

THE INCREDIBLE YEARS PROGRAMME

When: Starts Saturday 22nd of February for 14 weeks x 2.5 hours

What time: 10.00—12.30

Who: Parents, grandparents of children 3-8 years old with challenging behaviours

Where: Bream Bay Community Trust

Contact: Gilbert Paki - 0210410867

Dianna Paki - 0211833107

More information is available from the office.

Enrolments 2014 - New families

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new children — Molly Dawson, Javanha Barrowman, Teghan Pram, Rangiwai Ashby, Cheydan-Journey (CJ) Batchelor, Lauren Taniwha, Cody Taniwha, Kayden Taniwha, Grace Timmins, Waimaia Kauwhata, Stevie-Lee Henare, Orlando Hita-Duval, Rachel Collins, Netana Henare, Te Whakataare (TW) Rangi, Anahera Rangi, Whetumarama Tuhoro-Nepia, Terenui Keepa, Celeste Nepia, Ethan Asiata, and Nino Carr. It is wonderful to have so many lovely families join our school whanau. I hope you thoroughly enjoy your time with us.

Facebook page—Ruakaka School

Remember to go onto our Facebook page and ‘like’ or ‘share’ our news. All you need to do is put “Ruakaka School” into the search section and you will find us.

FAMILY PICNIC

As a way of meeting all of you and also a way of you meeting other families, we will be holding a family picnic here at school on **Tuesday 25th of February, 5.30—7.30pm.** The whole whanau are welcome to attend. We will provide sausages and bread but you can bring along a slab of meat to cook on the barbie if you wish. The pool will be open but you will need to supervise your own children when they are in the pool. We will also put out some PE gear to be used. We would love to see as many of you here as possible so pencil in this date.

NASTY NITS ARE HERE

At the moment we have nits in the school. Please help us to get rid of these beasts by checking your child's hair and treating it if necessary.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Our After School care programme has been running now for over a year and has been very successful. It is available every day from 2.30—5.30pm. Your children can attend as a casual or permanent. WINZ subsidies are available in some circumstances.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUFF

EXCESS FRUIT / VEGIES

We are very lucky to have been offered the olives off Lynda and Mike Swanson's trees again this year and plan to press them for oil and sell this at our gala in November. If you have olives that you would like to add to this, please let us know.

We will also gratefully receive excess guavas to make guava jelly, or tomatoes to make sauce and chutney. Many classes have a break for "brain food" during the morning which is either fresh fruit, raw vegetables or nuts.

If you have spare fruit or vegetables for this, we will always use them. Thank you.

SWAP IT / GIVE IT NIGHT CLOTHING

As part of our family picnic night, we thought it would be a great opportunity for families to bring along any children's clothing that is in good order that your children have grown out of and either donate it to other families or swap it. If you would like to do this just bring them along on the night of the picnic..

STATIONERY/SCHOOL DONATIONS

Thank you so much to all of you who have already paid for your child's stationery and school donations. It is so important that the children are equipped and ready to learn as soon as possible.

If for any reason you are finding it difficult to pay for your child's stationery, please just come in and see us and we will work out a way of helping you with this.

SUNSMART REMINDERS

Just a reminder that we are a Sunsmart accredited school. All children are asked to wear a hat (preferably wide-brimmed) to school every day during terms 1 & 4. We also ask that they apply sunscreen before coming to school and that they wear suitable clothing to protect them from our very hot sun. If the children come to school without hats, they will be asked to play in the shaded areas.

BUSES

Almost all of our children travel to school on the bus. We have strict procedures in place to ensure that they all get here safely and are returned home safely. This week we had one child who got off the bus at the wrong place so that he could visit his friend's house. This created a very worrying time for us all until he was found - an hour later. Please stress to your children that they must never get off at another stop unless the school has been notified by the parents. Our aim is to keep all children safe so thank you for your help with this.



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Notices

School information

Scholastic book reminder

Please do NOT send cash a Cheque made out to Scholastic NZ or Visa will be accepted. You only have a week from the time your child brings them home to get them back into school so that they can be ordered on time.

Overdue Library letters have been sent home to families for overdue books from last year. Please have a good look around and get them into the library as soon as possible.

Community notices

Have a go at cricket at Bream Bay College this starts on the 17 Feb at 4-30 and runs for 4 weeks.

There is no cost and all are welcome.

For inquires phone Lisa 4322243 0273373851.

On March the 2nd there is Playcentre Awareness week day at the town basin Whangarei .

There will be activities and fun to be had by all it starts at 9am and goes to 3pm All are welcome.

Bream Bay Squash Club are looking for juniors to join their club aged 7+ yrs come along and try squash for free every Friday afternoon from 3pm till 4-30 pm for more details contact Jared on 021971905

Netball have a go

Where - Whangarei Netball Courts On the 11 and 18th Feb and the 4th and 11th of March

From 4-30 to 5-30

From 5yrs old and upwards

All it cost is \$2.00 per person

Circool circus starts Friday 14th February 2014 Coronation Hall, Waipu. 3-15 to 4-15 all are welcome