



TERM 1

13th March - Interschool Swimming Sports

12, 19, 26 March - Swim For Life

14th March - Bike Track Opening

17th March - Easter Raffle tickets home

21st March - Rm 6&7 EOTC day at school.

25th March - Class and individual photos.

25th March - Parent Information Evening

28th March - Rm 6&7 Estuary day

4 April - Whole School Trip to Waitangi

9th April - BOT meeting

10th April - Parent Support Group meeting

11 April - Raffle tickets back

16th April - Youth Summit Year 6 only

TERM 2

15th May - Parent Interviews 2.45 - 7pm

21 May - Parent Interviews 2.45 - 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



13th March 2014



READING BUDDIES

Room 3 children love reading to the younger children and the young children love reading their books to the big kids.



Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

He orange ngakau, he pikinga waiora

Positive feelings in your heart will enhance your self-worth.

A Balanced Education in a supportive environment

JAME'S PROJECT UPDATE

BIKES IN SCHOOLS – OFFICIAL OPENING.

Weather permitting, we will be opening our new bike track this Friday at 9am. You are all most welcome to come along.

As we have some very special guests coming, we will hold a brief powhiri to welcome them into our school. The children will be actively involved in the ceremony, the ribbon will be cut and then we plan to let all children (and Staff) ride around the track. This will be followed by morning tea which you are most welcome to stay for.

WHEELIE FRIDAY— So that as many children as possible can ride around the track on Friday, we are going to allow them to bring their own bikes if they would like to. Unfortunately the bikes cannot go on the buses so you will need to drop these off. If they don't have a bike they can still bring their scooters, roller blades, skateboards etc.



The new iPads are in full use and the children love them! Thanks to The Oxford Sports Trust for funding the iPads.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION UPDATE

1. The senior camp has been booked. They will be going to Campbell Park Christian Camp in Mangawhai from the 4th to the 6th of June. They have some fabulous activities planned. You will have received a note about this this week.
2. On the 21st of March, Rooms 6 & 7 will hold an outdoor education day here at school. On the 28th of March, these classes will visit the Ruakaka Estuary.
3. On Thursday the 10th of April, the junior classes will hold an outdoor education day. A notice went home this week about this.



WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO WAITANGI

This will be on Friday 4th of April.

The cost will be \$5.00 per child which is great as we thought it was going to be more.

We have applied to Oxford Sports Trust for funding to pay for the buses to get there.

We will be needing parent help on the day so if you are able to help, please mark this date on your calendar. It will be a great trip.

You will receive a notice about this next week.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our next meeting is on Thursday 10th April at 2.45pm. We need as many people on board as possible as we are busy organising our huge Gala.

EASTER RAFFLE

We are asking all families to send along some Easter goodies for our Easter Raffle which is one of the Support Group's fundraisers this year. Please send these along to the office as soon as possible. Tickets will be coming home on the 17th of March for children to sell.



RUAKAKA SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website has been updated and we will continue to do this. We are also adding posts to The Navigator as we can. Please go on and have a look and make comments in the "Comments" section of the Navigator - it is under the tab 'Newspaper.'

Our next project is to make a "chain of children" along the front fence of the school. If you have any sheets of treated ply that we could use or know of anywhere we could get some please let us know.



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

This will be held on Thursday the 25th of March in the multi-purpose room. We will discuss some Numeracy tips, the Bikes in School programme, Food in Schools plus any other topics of interest.

If you have any particular things you would like us to share or discuss with parents on that night, please come in and see me and we will endeavour to do that.

I will send out a programme next week.



NORTHLAND RISING STARS

SWIMMERS

Jessica Carswell, Abbey McKegg and Amy Swanson did particularly well at the Rising Stars Swimming championships recently. They are photographed here with their swimming coach Tiana Birchall from Tiana's Swim School.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUFF

After the enviro-group worked really hard last week to clear all of our vegie gardens, and then replant them, sadly a rabbit has come in twice and gobbled up all the freshly planted seedlings! We are not going to give up. We will stop that rabbit somehow.



APPLES

We have several apples on our trees but will need more if all classes are to take part in our annual apple bake-off. If you have any spare apples in your orchard we would love them to add to ours.

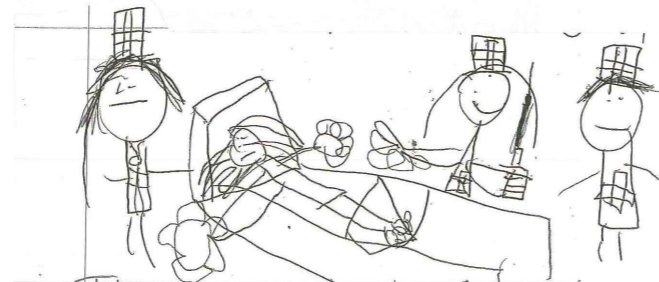
FOOD IN SCHOOLS

We have been offered a wonderful opportunity by a group of people in our community to prepare a hot meal for the whole school—staff and children, one day a week. The food will be prepared in a commercial kitchen in Whangarei and will not contain meat. James and I visited another school who are as lucky as us last week and we tasted the food. Yum! It is a great way of teaching the children the Key Competencies and shows them ways to use vegies and fruit in their cooking.

This is also a way of leading up to our Garden to Kitchen programme which we are still planning on doing. As soon as details are confirmed about this I will let you know. A small koha would be appreciated for each meal. The providers also rely heavily on donations so if you have excess fruit or vegies these would be gratefully received.



EXCELLENT WRITING by Azaelea Carr, Room 8



THE DOCTORS

The night before last night I went to the doctor because I had a sore toe. First the doctor looked at my toe. Next they put a plaster on my finger. Then they put some water up my nose.

After that I had a glove and I had to wait for another doctor so I waited and waited and waited and I waited and finally a doctor came and they put a needle in my toe.

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Notices

School Information

Thanks to the Sveistrup family for their kind donation of an olive tree and raspberry plants. We look forward to eating their fruit in the future.

Swim For Life

All classes will be taking part in this programme on the 12th, 19th and 26th of March. On the 19th of March, parents of children in Rooms 2,9,8,7 and 6 are invited along to watch this programme in action during your child's swimming time. Check these times with their teacher.

Senior Camp

A meeting will be held here at school on the 17th of March at 6pm. If your child is a year 4,5 or 6 and is planning to participate in the camp we would like to meet you. It will be held in the multi purpose room.

School Lunches

Just a reminder that our price lists have changed. Our muffins are now \$2.00. They are double the size and come in a variety of flavours.

School buses

If you need to change your children from a bus line to a pick up line or Afterschool care please let the office know before 2:00pm. If you are wanting your child to be marked down for a permanent change eg netball please let us know well in advance.

School photos

The photos will be taken on the 25th March and all orders need to be in and paid for before then. The photographer does not accept late orders.

Maths Buddy

By now you should have all received your notice about Maths Buddy and how to purchase this for your children. Please make sure that you have sent in the forms and money to the office no later than the 16th March.

Community notices

Bream Bay Hockey Club Junior Rally Day

All Junior players YEAR 1 –8 are invited to attend our rally day at 2pm Sunday, 16 March at Bream bay College.

Registration plus some casual/fun games.

For more information please call Mr Bruce Paton on 027 601 7525