



#### TERM 2

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

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

2nd June - Queen's  
Birthday

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

23-27 June - Book Week

27 June Dress Up as Book  
Character Day

Wintersports - Date to be  
confirmed

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



15th May 2014

## Olive Picking

At the end of last term, the staff walked all our children down to the Swanson's property on Sandford Road, to pick olives that the Swanson have kindly donated to our school. They picked 25 10kilo boxes which was an amazing effort!!!! These were taken to The Olive Place who kindly pressed them into oil for us. It produced 53 litres of oil which equates to 23%, normally olives press out at 15% so this was very exciting.

Each child is designing their own label and parents and families will be given first option to purchase the oil.

Any left over bottles will be sold at Gala day.

Bottles will be sold for \$15.00 each. We will let you know when these are available.



## Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

*Tungia te ururua, kia tipu*

*Whakaritorito te tipu a te harakeke*

*Clear the undergrowth so that the new shoots of the flax will grow.*

**A Balanced Education in a supportive environment**

## JAMES' PROJECT UPDATE BIKES IN SCHOOLS

What a wonderful addition this track has been to our school. The children are out constantly riding the bikes. We have had a few 'spills' but that is to be expected with 160 children learning to manage the bike and the track.

This week Stu Bell from Bikes in Schools has been out here working with the senior classes teaching them about bike safety and also some maintenance tips. We really appreciate the time Stu has put into this project. There are still more bikes coming! Wonderful!

Have you noticed the huge container on the front court area? This is to house all of our bikes once new doors are put on it.



## POWHIRI

Tomorrow, Friday, we will be holding a powhiri to welcome all of our new children and their families that have started after the first day of the year. The powhiri will be first thing in the morning (about 9am) and will only take about 30 minutes. You are all most welcome to attend and we would love to see you. We ask new families to meet over by the old Dental Clinic please and you will be called on from there.

## PARENT INTERVIEWS

By the time you receive this notice, some of you may already be here for your child's interview. The first day is today, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May starting at 3.00pm through until 7.30pm. The next day is Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May from 3.00pm until 5.30pm.

If you haven't yet made a time to meet with your child's teacher, please ring the office as soon as possible to arrange this. It is vital that we see all of you so that we can together support your child with their learning.

## WHY TRUE GRATITUDE IMPROVES OUR LIVES

***Teaching our children to say "thank you" is important, but truly instilling a sense of gratitude in them is another matter entirely. Gratitude goes beyond good manners – it's a mindset and a lifestyle.***

Studies show that children who count their blessings reap concrete benefits, including greater life satisfaction and a better attitude about school.

Acknowledgement: Andrea Reiser



### CAMP NOTICES

This is not far away now – 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of June. The children and staff are getting very excited. Sarah Sade arrives back from overseas the day before so she will be straight into it. So far there have been about 25% of the children who have paid. We ask that you make arrangements to pay this as soon as possible so that planning and budgeting can be finalised. Camp is about 3 weeks away.

### GALA UPDATE

Our next Gala meeting is to be held on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May in the staffroom. We would love to see as many of you here as possible. We had a great turn out at our last meeting. If you are having a clean out, please save your unwanted goodies and bring them down to school. We will find somewhere to store them! Thank you. We are also seeking sponsorship – particularly for the rides that we have hired. If you know of anyone who can help us in this way, please let the school know.

### 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.

### FOOD FOR LIFE

This week we had our first official “Food For Life” meal together after our trial last term. The menu was a yummy, tomato-based pasta with a salad dish, followed up by steamed banana pudding. Many children had more than one serving. There is always plenty to go around. Thank you to those of you who sent along a gold coin Koha and/or some excess supplies to help these wonderful people to support their programme. They are grateful for anything you have to give them and will collect these supplies every Tuesday when they come out from town.

We have asked the children to bring along their own plate, bowl and spoon for the next couple of weeks until our school ones arrive from India. We would like the children to rinse these at school and then take them home to wash thoroughly before bringing them back for next Tuesday. Can you imagine us trying to wash all of these at school? Thanks for your help with this.



### 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.

### 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.

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## Notices

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

A few small changes to the lunch menu this term.  
American hotdogs are for a limited time, \$2.50 each  
Popcorn is back on the menu \$1.50 per bag  
Juicies flavours are Wildberry, Lemonade, Cola and Tropical  
Check out our updated menu online at [www.ruakaka.school.nz](http://www.ruakaka.school.nz)

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### Marsden Lions Charity Golf Tournament 2014

16 May from 10am, 18 Holes  
Entries to Keith Harris 433 0259 or Hope Laurence 022 2408 7941  
Supporting Northland Hospice and Ruakaka Surf Life Saving Club

#### Piano, Keyboard and Guitar Lessons

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

#### Drum Lessons

Drumming is a great way for people to develop co-ordination and rhythm. It gives students confidence in achieving something they enjoy and a chance to meet other like-minded students.

Students will be called in pairs from class for twenty minute lessons, when convenient with their teachers and classwork. It is not recommended parents purchase drum sets until you are sure that your child has a real interest continuing with drumming (advice is available regarding suitable choices of drums)

**Costs:** \$12.50 per lesson per student, invoiced per term  
Practise pad (\$30) and pair of sticks (\$12)  
Drum music book after three months (not required initially)  
Please don't hesitate to contact me for queries/ bookings.  
Tel 09 4327641, 021 549514, Email: [Johnkeating1@yahoo.com](mailto:Johnkeating1@yahoo.com)

#### 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>

#### Drama classes

Strive to develop your child's confidence, improve their concentration and give them a creative outlet where they can make new friends and have fun, Come and see for yourself the first class is FREE! At Making a Scene we teach presentation and performance skills, for life.

**Ta-Da classes for Lower Primary Aged Children (year 1 minimum school attendance)** Tuesdays 3:30- 4:30

**Just Drama classes for Lower Primary Aged Children (year 1 minimum school attendance)** Wednesdays 3:30- 4:30 **Acting and Speaking years 4 +**

In depth development in voice, acting, improvisation, poetry and public speaking for students wanting a challenge. The aim of these classes is for students to prepare for festivals and exams.

Please visit our website for details <http://makingascene.co.nz/familiarity>