



#### TERM 1

28th March - Rm 6&7 Estuary day

31 March - Y6 GATE selection day

1 April - Y4&5 GATE selection day

4 April - Whole School Trip to Waitangi

7 April - Raffle tickets back to school

8 April - Food For Life lunch

8 April - Parent Information Evening

9th April - BOT meeting

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 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



**27th March 2014**



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## Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

**Ko maru kai atu ko maru kai mai ka ngohengohe**

*Give as well as take and all is well.*

*A Balanced Education in a supportive environment*

### JAME'S PROJECT UPDATE

#### BIKES IN SCHOOLS – OFFICIAL OPENING.

What a wonderful day we had when we opened our new bike track. It was great to see so many of you here to share the day with all of the excited children.

Our special guests included the Deputy Mayor, Sharon Morgan, Stu Bell from Bikes in Schools and also a Whangarei District councillor, Paul McArdle from Bike On Trust, Sally Wilson - principal of Raurimu Avenue School, representatives from the police, Brent Easterbrook - CEO of Sport Northland, plus others.

The track was blessed by our kaumatua, Paraire Pirihi, then a child from each class rode one of our new bikes, which was decorated by the class, around the track.

Every child and most staff then had their turn to try the track out. We finished off by sharing bicycle wheel cookies.

A great day was had by all!



### OUTDOOR EDUCATION UPDATE

1. The senior camp planning for Campbell Park Christian Camp in Mangawhai from the 4th to the 6th of June is well underway. If it is easier for you, fees can be paid in installments at the office or you can pay them online.
2. This Friday the 28th of March, Room 6&7 will visit the Ruakaka Estuary.
3. On Thursday the 10th of April, the junior classes will hold an outdoor education day.

### WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO WAITANGI

This will be on Friday 4th of April.

Thank you to those of you who have sent along permission slips and the \$5.00. If you haven't done this yet, we would appreciate it as soon as possible as no child will be able to go unless they have paid and have permission. 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 further 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

***Thank you to all of you who have already returned your raffle tickets and money to school. Your contributions of Easter goodies are looking amazing! There will be some great prizes. We need to have all tickets and money returned to school by Monday 7th of April and we will draw the raffle at assembly on the 11th of April.***



### THINGS NASTY

At the moment impetigo (school sores) are in the school. These are highly contagious and need to be treated with antibiotic medicine. They must be covered when your children are at school.

Tummy bugs are also around so please do not send your children to school if they have vomited or had diarrhoea in the last 24 hours.

Thank you for your help with this.



### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

As you are aware, the date for this has been changed to the 8th of April at 6.30pm. Topics to be covered include Food in Schools programme, Bikes in Schools, Homework, Numeracy, bilingual/te reo, and Literacy. If there are any other topics you would like information about, please let me know. You will receive more information closer to the time.

### SWIM FOR LIFE

Over the last 3 weeks, all classes have been involved in this programme. Some of you have been able to see the programme in action. The children have certainly benefitted from it and their confidence in the water has grown. Each child also Received a 'passport' and a bathing cap.



### ENVIRONMENTAL STUFF

#### HONEY GATHERING

Yesterday, some children from the enviro-group helped Mrs Hay and Mr Wrack harvest the honey from our beehive. All of the other children had the opportunity to either spin the honey or watch it being done. We will be selling the honey at the Gala Day.



#### OLIVE PICKING

Over the next week or two we will be taking the whole school up to Linda and Mike Swanson's property in Sandford Road to pick the olives. Some of them will be bottled to sell at the Gala and the rest will be pressed. We will let you know when we are doing this as you are welcome to

#### FOOD IN SCHOOLS

On the 8th of April, we are going to have a trial run for our Food in Schools programme. The programme will officially start next term. The children and staff will enjoy a hot meal for lunch every Tuesday in the Community Hall. A small koha would be appreciated for each meal next term, but our trial meal will cost nothing. If you have any excess fruit and vegetables, the providers would be very grateful. These can be dropped off at the school and they will pick them up on a Tuesday when they come out.

### INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS



Congratulations to our swimmers who won the swimming shield at the interschool swimming sports this year. Jessica Carswell, Teneille Hiki, Ella Johns and Amy Swanson won the girls relay. We are very proud of them all.

Here are our award winners for the last 2 weeks. Well done everyone. CONGRATULATIONS!



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## Notices

### School Information

#### Swimming

As the weather is now getting colder class swimming has now finished for the term. We will open the pool again in term 4 when the pool is warm enough.

#### Scholastic book orders

The scholastic book orders are given out on the Monday. You then have one week to hand them into the office. I send the order away on the following Monday. Please make sure that you pay either by visa or cheque made out to Scholastic NZ. NO CASH please.

#### School Donations

Just a reminder for those of you who have not made a donation so far this year, 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.

#### Community notices

##### Parents Workshop for parents of 6-12 year olds

We could all do with a few more tricks up our sleeves to help with the parenting journey.

Marcia is offering a six week programme and if enough people are keen she will get this organised.

Please call her on 027-335-3824 or 4328422

For more information check out [www.theparentplace.com](http://www.theparentplace.com)

**“Couplehood”** - a programme for couples in a committed relationship

This is an educational programme developed by Harville Hendrix.

The course will be facilitated by Lois Moudley.

6 x 1.5 hour sessions starting on May the 31st 2014 at One Tree Point.

For more information please E-mail

[loismoudley@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:loismoudley@slingshot.co.nz) or phone 4322545

**Wanted:** a single bed, in good condition and reasonable price.

Please contact Jean on 027 433 0211.