



#### TERM 3

18 Sept - Talent Quest X  
Factor Ruakaka

Every Tues - Food in  
Schools - Gold Coin  
Donation

#### TERM 4

17th October - Show Day

22- 24 October - Gifted  
Māori Wananga

27 October - Labour 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



**28th August 2014**

## DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS,

How nice it is to drive to school at the moment with the sun coming up instead of it still being dark. As the days get longer and the weather warms up, hopefully the children can get outside and play much more. Bring on Spring!

## CROSS COUNTRY

Last week we held Jump Jam 4 Star Jam before we started cross country. We raised \$130.00 for this worthy cause, thank you to all who donated. Cross country went well, amongst the rain and the mud. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our children.



## Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

**Kōanga takitahi, Ngahuru puta noa**

*In Spring only one comes to plant, in autumn (at  
harvest time), the masses are seen.*

*A Balanced Education in a supportive environment*

**DAFFODIL DAY 29 AUGUST**

We are supporting daffodil day, which raises funds for the cancer society. We would like everyone to wear yellow tomorrow. If you wish to support this cause and get a daffodil, please send your child with a gold coin donation to the office.

**X-FACTOR RUAKAKA**

The children are doing very well with this and we have managed to listen to some of the singing items this week. This year we seem to be short of dance acts, which is the section we usually have heaps entered into. It is still not too late if your child wishes to enter an act into the x factor show. We will be continuing with auditions throughout this week and next week.

**INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

This week 30 of our children went to Maungaturoto School to compete in the Interschool Cross Country with other primary schools in the area. The children ran their hearts out and achieved some great results.

Ella Johns	1st	10/11 year old girls	Luca Matenga	7th	10/11 year old boys
Teneille Hiki	6th	10 year old girls	Amy Swanson	3rd	9 year old girls
Annalise Rickey	5th	9 year old girls	Deane Sands	2nd	9 year old boys
Bree Munford	9th	8 year old girls	Luke Robinson	3rd	8 year old boys



Here are some of the team that represented our school, holding team event certificates. We won 3rd place in the 10 & 11 year old girls and fourth place in all of the following 10 & 11 year old boys, 9 year old girls, 9 year old boys, 8 year old girls, 8 year old boys. Well done team, it was a great achievement.

**PARKING**

We know at times it is very difficult to get a park in our car park, but please do not park near the front entrance gate. This area needs to be clear so it is safe for our children to enter \ leave the school. It is also the area that the van uses to pick up \ drop off children. Thank you for your help in this matter.



### **GALA DAY – SATURDAY 1ST OF NOVEMBER**

Have you had a chance to sift through all that excess ‘stuff’ that you have at home? Any ‘stuff’ in **GOOD CONDITION** that you no longer need, can be sent along at any time for the white elephant sale. If you need anything picked up, please let us know. Thank you to all those wonderful people who have already donated items, we really appreciate it.

We will need ice-cream containers, jars and plastic bags for the white elephant sale, if you have any of these please drop them into the office.

We are asking for donations for sweet making. If you can donate sugar, golden syrup, chocolate chips\buttons, coconut, vanilla essence, cocoa, icing sugar etc please drop into the office.

We are looking for donations of pumpkins for the hangi, we can store them here at school, so if you are able to donate 1 or 2 now that would be fantastic.

On Friday, there will be a Helpers roster going up in the school foyer. Please put your name down where you can help – even if it is for an hour or two. Thank you.

### **DOG SAFETY**

Next Monday we have a presentation for the children regarding safety around dogs. As many of you know, there have been a lot of children attacked by dogs in New Zealand over recent years and we felt that it would be appropriate to talk to the children about how to approach dogs and how to behave around them.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION TALENT DEVELOPMENT**

Unfortunately, due to illness, the first day of this programme was postponed. The second day will be held next Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. Susan Botting will make up the day lost as soon as she can.

### **UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR**

Unfortunately, at times, we have children who come into our school who display inappropriate behaviour. Most of these children have Teacher Aide support to help them to modify their behaviour and also to keep them and other children safe. If your children come home to you talking about any incident at school which worried them, please don’t hesitate to ring me so that I can reassure you about what processes were followed.

### **COMPUTERS IN HOMES**

Our school has been given the opportunity to be part of the Computers in Homes programme. This means that 8 of our school’s families will be selected to receive a computer and internet connection for their home and a free training course. If you are interested in being involved and do not already have a computer at home, we invite you to register your name at the school office.

### **VISITORS TO SCHOOL**

If you are visiting the school please come to the office and sign in. This is a Health and Safety requirement so that we know who is in the grounds at any time. You may be asked to wear a visitors badge if you are to be here for any length of time. Thank you for your support with this.

### **SHOW DAY 17 OCTOBER**

We have around 18 entries so far but there is plenty of room for more. Remember animals need to be born after the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2014.

If you have trophies from last year, could you please return these to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

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## Notices

### SPORT NORTHLAND



#### SCHOOL NOTICES

##### REBOUNDERS \ SWISS BALL

Do you have an old rebounder or a swiss ball that you could donate to the school, for use within a classroom, if so, please drop into the office, thank you.

##### SCHOLASTIC BOOKS ORDERS

These are due back on Wednesday the 3rd of September. Please remember we do not accept cash. Payment needs to be made either by cheque—made out to Scholastic NZ or by credit card.

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

##### PRINCESS BALL

The 10th Annual Princess Ball - a great night out for women and girls of all ages.  
5 September 2014 at Lifepoint, 300 One Tree Point Road from 6:45pm.  
Tickets: \$5 if purchased before 1 Sept, \$10 after 1 Sept, available from Sandra, ph 021 02397431.

**MAIZE AND CROP SPRAYING** please call Shane and Angelina Beets - Call A Farmer Ltd 027 62 55 383.

**FLAMING FEATHERS**, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014, 7.30pm at the Waipu Coronation Hall. Tickets are \$40 per person (includes finger food) BYO drinks, glasses provided. Raffles for sale. Tickets from Waipu Four Square & Waipu Real Estate. Proceeds going towards The Great Barn for the Caledonian Park.

Below is a link about how to support your child's learning:  
<http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/National-Standards/Supporting-parents-and-whanau/Resources>