



TERM 3

31 July - Gala Day
Meeting 2.45pm

14 Aug - Te Tuinga Show
BBC at 9.00am

15 Aug - School Cross
Country start 10.45,
Jump Jam 4 StarJam

18 Sept - Talent Quest X
Factor Ruakaka

Every Tues - Food in
Schools - Gold Coin
Donation

TERM 4

17th October - Show Day

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



31st July 2014

MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK - TE REHIA THEATRE

Last week our children were treated to a show by the Te Rehai Theatre - this was to celebrate Maori Language week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show and below are some of the photos.



Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Kaua mā te waewae tūtuki, engari mā te ūpoko pakaru

Persevere with determination, don't be put off by small obstacles.

A Balanced Education in a supportive environment

COMPUTERS IN HOMES

We have the opportunity at Ruakaka School to offer a programme called Computers in Homes. Computers in Homes hopes to improve literacy in families attending, give greater self-confidence and create stronger home\school relationships. It allows parent\caregivers to be involved in their child's learning through education.

This programme is open to families that do not have a computer or internet in their home. The Parent\Caregiver agrees to attend 20 hours training at Ruakaka School, pays \$50 contribution towards the project (normally \$5 per week for 10 weeks), and at the end of the training receives a computer and internet connection (6 months) for their home. This is a wonderful opportunity for our families and allows you to get a computer for your home.

We have included a survey form that you can fill out and return to school if you are interested in taking part in the project. Can you please return this form to the school office by Friday 8th of August. We will then collate the forms and select the families to be involved in our pilot programme if there is enough interest.

X-FACTOR RUAKAKA

A reminder that this will be held on the evening of the 18th of September at the Bream Bay College Auditorium. We have talked to the children about this at assembly so that those who are interested in participating can start practising.

There will be different sections for them to enter – dance, singing, skits/plays, and playing a musical instrument. It is very important that the children have their selection of music checked by a staff member before beginning to practise their item as we do not allow music with inappropriate lyrics.

We are also going to invite any ex-Ruakaka School students along who may have performed at past Talent Quests at Ruakaka School to come along and perform as guest artists. Do you know any of these students? We would love to hear from them.

CROSS COUNTRY / JUMP JAM 4 STARJAM

On Friday the 15th of August we will be holding our school cross country and will be combining it with a "Jump Jam 4 Star Jam" event which is a Jump Jam session to support children with disabilities.

The Cross country will run from 10.45 – 12.15 and will be followed up by our Jump Jam session which we encourage parents and caregivers to take part in. See the attached flyer. We will also have a special lunch that day. More information will follow.

SHOW DAY

Show day is Friday 17th of October. Have you picked your calf or lamb yet? Remember they need to be born after the 1st of July.

SHOW DAY OFFER

The Vet Centre in Waipu has a fantastic offer for your pet lamb. Visit our clinic with your pet lamb and we will vaccinate and dock your lamb for free! Just ring to book in 432 0693. They also carry a range of collars, leads, halters for your pet lamb or calf.

THE BUGGY

The cold, crisp air of the farmyard was wonderful as I trudged down the cold gravel path to the buggy. My gorgeous ginger dog, Ruby, sat as lonely as a leaf trailing along in the wind and the once yellow head lights had been covered in dark dusty dirt from being driven into muddy, murky swamp one to many times. "Quiet" I yell at Ruby when she let out a barking frenzy. As I started the engine the rusty bumper fell off and I was forced to jump out and move it. The first few minutes went smoothly... and then, kerplunk the buggy had dropped down as the big black tyres ran out of air with a big wooosh. The bleating of the goats was soon overrun by the pungent smell of the smiling trailer. "Aghh" I cried. So I wheeled the buggy back to the red barn that stood quietly.



FOOD IN SCHOOLS

Our children enjoyed another yummy hot meal yesterday thanks to the Food For Life programme. As you know, this meal is provided almost free but the support group do have to pay over \$1000 a term to help towards this. To help subsidise the costs, we ask that each child brings a gold coin koha each Tuesday to go towards this. We also encourage you to send along any excess fruit or vegetables, flour, pasta, or rice that is then donated to our provider to help towards feeding the 1000 children from Whangarei schools each week. We are very privileged to be part of this programme.

We are looking for volunteers who can regularly come down to school on a Tuesday from 12.00 – about 1.30 to help set up for the meal, supervise serving it up and then helping to load all the dishes into our 2 dishwashers. Please let us know if you are available to do this – you will even get to try the meal!

ENVIRONMENTAL TALENT DEVELOPMENT – YEAR 5&6

Later this term we will be starting another Talent Development group with One Tree Point School and Waipu School. This time it is an environmental programme and will be looking at developing a Whangarei Harbour catchment care resource to encourage students to take action to look after the harbour and its catchment.

If you believe your Year 5 or 6 child would be suitable for this programme, please let us know so that they can be considered. Numbers will be limited to 6 or 7 from each school and this decision will be made by the 15th of August. The programme will be facilitated by Susan Botting from the Northland Regional Council and will be held at One Tree Point School so parents of the children involved may be asked to help with transport of the 3 days of the programme. More information will follow.

GALA DAY – SATURDAY 1ST OF NOVEMBER

Today (Thursday), we are holding another Gala meeting at 2.45. Things are ticking along really well thanks to our dedicated committee. We are still looking for sponsorship for our rides and goods and services to be auctioned. If you can suggest where we may be able to get this, please let us know. From now on we will be sending home regular updates and requests for gala so check your children's bags.

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Notices

NRC ASSEMBLY

We would like to invite you to Friday's assembly, starting around 8:45am tomorrow. Our school is being awarded the Environmental Curriculum Award from Northland Regional Council. It would be awesome to see as many parents there as possible.

TE TUINGA SHOW – BREAM BAY COLLEGE

On Thursday 14th of August we have been invited once again to the Te Tuinga show at Bream Bay College. There is no cost to the children for this and we will travel there by buses provided by the college. It is always a great lead up to our Talent Quest (x-factor Ruakaka).

KEEP US INFORMED

Please inform the office if ANY of the following situations changes for your family; Phone Numbers, Addresses, Bus Changes, who is allowed to pickup your child. Ring or text the office before 9 am in the morning if your child is going to be absent, please remember to include, child's name, room number and reason for absence in the message.

WASHING MACHINE AND DRYER

We are looking for a good quality second washing machine and dryer for the school. We need to be able to wash and dry sick bay linen, towels and sports uniforms. If you know of one, please let the office know.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Whangarei Amateur Swimming Club

Offer swimming for all levels, from beginner right thru to competitive swimmers. Opening registrations and swimming is Friday 12th September from 6.30pm at the Whangarei Aquatic Centre Ewing Road, but you can join them any Friday night until the end of the year. Visit www.wasc.org.nz for contact information.

Waipu Golf Club

Spring is nearly here with days becoming longer, a very good time to learn how to play golf. At the Waipu Golf Club, Junior membership is just \$70. For a parent looking after a junior it is \$35 and you can play also. Free coaching occurs on Friday afternoon at 4:00pm during term time. Junior clubs can be borrowed from the club, thanks to a sponsor. For more information contact our golf shop 432 0259 or Grant Weston (junior convenor) at 432 8682.

Ranburn Home

Hospital and Special Care unit invite community volunteer children, teens and adults to come and share your talents with us. If you would be interested to perform, sing or share a story etc you will all be welcome. Contact Keren 09 432 0675 or 022 4381609 to make a time and discuss.