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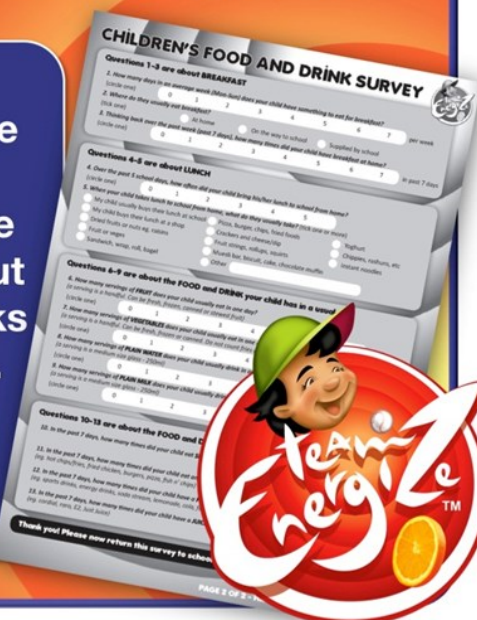
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Notices

SPORT NORTHLAND

FOOD & DRINK SURVEY

Soon your child will be bringing home the Energize Children's Food & Drink survey. This is a simple one page survey to help find out the types of food and drinks kids are eating each week. Simply fill it out and return to school as soon as it's completed.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Junior Tennis Coaching

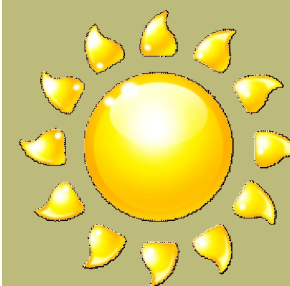
Junior tennis coaching at Mata begins this Saturday 8th Nov at 3pm. The cost is \$20 for 6 weeks. New and experienced players welcome. Please contact Lisa on 4322243 or 0273373851 to register your child.

Term 4 Hats

As we are a Sun Smart School, please send your child to school every day with a hat in term 4. Children without hats will be sent to play in the shade. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Year 6 Orientation Day BBC

Orientation Day for Year 5&6 students is on 11 November at Bream Bay College. If you do not wish your child to attend this day, please let us know.



TERM 4

11 November -
Orientation Day Year 6/5
students at BBC.

13 November - Athletics

20 November -
Interscholar Athletics

26 Nov - 10:30am VIP
Morning Tea

3 Dec - Nude Food Picnic

8 December - Year 6
Graduation Dinner

11 December, 12.15 -
2.00 Prize-giving at BBC

15 December 12 noon -
Last Day of Term

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TERM DATES 2014

Term 4 — 13th October -
15 December 12:00 noon

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



6th November 2014

GALA DAY

What a wonderful Gala it was again this year. A huge thank you goes out to Terrianne Appleton, and her committee who made this happen. Thanks also to all the parents and extended whanau who helped out on the day. It was great to see past pupils and families being involved as well. Although the truck with most of the rides broke down, we managed to rectify the situation with the quick thinking by some of our parents. At this stage we think we have made between \$15,000 - \$18,000. This money will be spent on our next bike track and more ICT equipment.



Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

He moana pukepuke

E ekengia e te waka

A choppy sea can be navigated
(Persevere)

A Balanced Education in a supportive environment

A WONDERFUL LETTER WE RECEIVED...

"I went to the school gala on the weekend and it was amazing for a little school to have such a wonderful day - good on everyone that made it happen. I would especially like to compliment the people involved in doing the hangi. I am big fan on eating hangi, whenever they are available and it was the best I have ever had. It was so amazingly well done - prepared, packed, cooked and served and I can't forget the taste - it was done to perfection. Compliments to everyone. Thank you.."



PRIZEGIVING

A reminder that this will be held on Thursday the 11th of December at Bream Bay College at 12.15 sharp and will finish by 2.00pm in time for the children to catch buses if necessary. We hope to see you all there as it is a very special event for the staff and children and we will be fare-welling some staff on that day.

ATHLETICS

Our school Athletics sports will be held on Thursday the 13th of November and the Interschool Athletics will be held on Thursday the 20th of November at Waipu School. The programme for our Athletic Sports is included in this newsletter.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

This will be held on Monday the 8th of December. Invitations have been sent for this. Could you please return these to the office as soon as possible. A reminder that this is a special night for Year 6 children and their parents / caregivers only.

VIP MORNING TEA - 26 NOVEMBER 2014 — 10.30am.

Invitations have been sent out for this. If you haven't received one, and if you are a regular supporter or helper of the school this year, we may have missed inviting you. We would still love you to come so please contact Tania in the office to let her know.

NUDE FOOD PICNIC

This is happening on the 3 December, we are asking all children to bring along their school lunch, making it as nude as possible. You are welcome to come join your children for this.

STAFFING

We have recently finalised our staffing for 2015 and are very excited to welcome some wonderful new staff. Mr Barry Ambridge will be retiring from teaching at the end of this year, after spending 19 years here at Ruakaka School and 44 years in the teaching profession. We know Barry has touched the lives of many children and even some of our parents and we would like to offer you the opportunity to contribute donations towards a gift from the community. These can be handed in at the office by Friday the 14 November. If you have any interesting stories or photos of Mr Ambridge, we would love these too.

Mrs Lynda Peni will be taking a years leave and Mrs Kylie Smith will be leaving us to return to the secondary sector next year. We wish them all the very best in their ventures.

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2015

We are really excited to be starting a ninth classroom in 2015, thank you to the board for their foresight in funding this classroom. We have appointed some exciting new staff and will be working on class lists in the near future and you can be assured that the very best placement will be made for all children after considering every child's individual needs. Children will be informed of their new classrooms at the end of the year.

SOME GREAT WRITING FROM ANGUS IN ROOM 5

Have you ever encountered a small bear, and has that bear ever come up to you and licked you on the face? Well I have! He is a brown chocolate Labrador, and he is very fat. His name is Milo. Milo looks like a bear because he wobbles when he walks. His fur is dark brown with patches of light brown. It's smooth fur and, actually, he looks like a friendly Teddy Bear. Make that a large, friendly Teddy Bear with a spikey collar. He likes attention more than anything. He'll make funny noises like.....(funny noises)

If you ignore him, he makes a really sad face (especially when we leave the house). He doesn't like being tied up. Who can blame him? Would you like to be tied up? Even if it is with a long, yellow rope with plenty of room and two drinking bowls.

Milo makes me laugh. Dad is Milo's best play-fighting friend. He makes Milo do all sorts of funny stuff.. Last weekend, Dad and I were play-fighting and Milo wanted to join in.....

