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SCHOOL NOTICES SURVEY RESULTS

I haven't forgotten about the survey results - I will get them out to you as soon as possible.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Please do not send cash to school—Scholastic only accept VISA or cheque. If you do send in cash, we will get your child to bring it back home to you.

ABSENCES

Thank you to those families who are phoning, texting or emailing the office to let us know their child will be away. Please remember to let us know why your child is absent. If you don't, your child will be marked as truant.

OLD MOBILE PHONES SAVE LIVES!! We have joined Starship Hospitals 'Mobile Phone Schools Campaign'. This campaign enables students to play a valuable role in a nationwide fundraising campaign for Starship's National Air Ambulance Service, while also increasing their awareness of environmental issues, community giving and having some fun along the way! The idea is for our school to collect as many mobile phones as we can. We receive some exciting rewards (sports gear, book vouchers, ipads or cameras) depending on the amount of phones we collect. Please drop your old phones off to the school or comment on our fb page so we can arrange to collect them. Please share our post among the community.

RUAKAKA SCOUT GROUP

Based on Marsden Point Road, our Cubs and Ventures enjoy kayaking, camping and outdoor activities. We are wanting to start a Scout section for children aged 10.5 to 12.5. Open to boys and girls with a full programme through the school term. Parents can join in as leaders. Enquiries to Warren Bunn on 09 432 7483.

SPORT NORTHLAND

WINTER WARMERS

Beef & Vegetable StirFry



1tsp oil
500g lean beef –schnitzel or thin strips of rump steak
6 cups of colourful vegetables – baby
Teriyaki sauce: ¼C soy sauce, 1tsp garlic and 1Tbsp honey

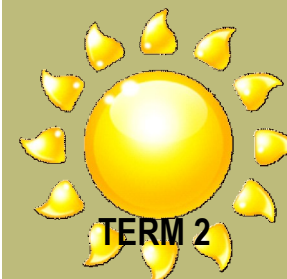
corn, spinach, capsicum, mushroom, courgette, green beans, silverbeet, onions

Slice meat into thin strips, marinate in the teriyaki sauce for 20 minutes. Heat the oil in the fry pan and add the meat, reserving the leftover sauce.

Allow the meat to brown then add diced vegetables. Pour over the leftover sauce, cook for 5 minutes. Serve on rice.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

Feeds a family of FIVE!



23 June - 26 June -
Matariki

2 Jul - Portfolios
Home

3 Jul - End of term 2

TERM 3

23 July - Powhiri

24 July - NRC
Assembly

28 July - Duffy Show

29 July - BBC to visit
Y6

31 July - Fun Run



Have you found dub dub yet?? If so fill in a form at the office and pop it in the box.



Congratulations to Shyla Wells who found dub dub last month and won a \$50 voucher!

TERM DATES 2015

Term 2 - 20 April to
3 July

Term 3 - 20 July to
25 September

Term 4 - 12 October
to 18 December

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



11th June 2015

Dear Parents / Caregivers

As I am writing this, it is a beautiful winter's day, but by the time you receive this, it is expected to be pouring down with a cold wind. The weather is very changeable but what we are finding is that some children just aren't wearing enough warm clothes to school and they are very cold for parts of the day. Please try to send an extra jacket or jersey with them if possible and some warm shoes. Most classes expect the children to take their shoes off in the classrooms so thick socks or slippers are also very useful.



Abbey and Amy at the Science Talent Development programme held at One Tree Point School with Waipu and One Tree Point children.

Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Ehara taku toa, he takitahi, he toa takitini

My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, as it was not individual success but success of a collective

A Balanced Education in a supportive environment

WINTER SPORTS RESULTS

How lucky were we with the weather for Winter Sports. Unfortunately they were postponed a day and we are sorry for the inconvenience to parents who had organised time off work on the Thursday. Results are:

Ripper Rugby 2nd - Team One	Hockey	2nd - Team One
Soccer 1st - Team One		3rd - Team Two
Netball 1st - Team One	Miniball	3rd - Team One
2nd - Team Two		

Congratulations to all of our wonderful children!

NRC ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

We have been successful in being selected by the Northland Regional Council for a grant of \$550.00 to go towards extending our chook run and boosting school ground wildflower plantings for bees. The school's enviorgroup will lead the project with 20 students aged seven to 10.

NUDE FOOD

You should have received a notice home about nude food this week. We are asking that children try to remove glad wrap or tinfoil from their lunch boxes. We recommend that they use a snap-lock bag, container or lunch paper to wrap their food. There will be prizes at the end of the term, and each day your child has nude food it increases their chances of winning a prize.

MATARIKI

In week ten, the 22nd to 26th June, we will be celebrating Matariki. We would like donations of meat - either mince or stewing meat, vegetables, flour and oil to create a shared kai on Friday. On Wednesday 24th June we will be having an open day from 9.00 to 12.30, please feel free to come along to school and see what happens in your child's classroom programme. On Thursday we will be doing all the prep for our meal on Friday so we will need lots of parent help. On Friday we will be doing a rotation of whole school activities in the morning, kapa haka will be performing, followed by shared kai. Please feel free to come along and join in with your children.

WHANAU SUPPORT WORKER UPDATE

Tauser held our first Whanau hub get together on Monday this week. Those that attended learnt how to make flax flowers which we hope will be useful here at school during Matariki celebrations and they also came up with some wonderful ideas about how whanau could get involved here at school to support their children's learning. There are toys available for the little ones and time for a cuppa and a chat. The next whanau hub gathering will be next Monday at 9.30 at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre. ALL WELCOME.

UPDATE ON ILLS AND CHILLS

The tummy bug is still around so please, if your child has been vomiting or had diarrhoea, they must not come to school again until they have been free of these symptoms for at least 24 hours. It is highly contagious. There are also chicken pox around the Whangarei area at the moment.

FOOD IN SCHOOLS

We are noticing the almost all children are enjoying the food more and more which is great. Unfortunately, very few are bringing a koha to help with the costs of this. We would really appreciate a gold coin donation from as many children as possible each Tuesday so that we can continue to offer this wonderful experience for our children.

SCIENCE

I hope your children are coming home and talking to you about the Science they are doing here at school. This week the senior children experimented with party poppers – ask them about it. In today's newsletter, we have included an easy Science experiment for you to try at home with the children. Have fun.

Make Hokey Pokey

Recipe:

100g of sugar
1 tbsp water
2 tbsp golden syrup
1 tsp baking soda

Method:

- Put all of the ingredients except the baking soda into a large saucepan and put on a low heat.
- Spray a baking tray with oil or cover it with baking paper or foil.
- Stir the saucepan until all the sugar has dissolved, then raise the heat slightly until it boils. Stir occasionally until you can't feel the sugar at the bottom of the pan – about 3 – 4 mins.
- Take off the stove, add the baking soda and stir.
- Watch what happens.
- Pour out onto the baking tray and let it cool.
- When it's set and cool, smash into small bits and enjoy – or crush it and use as a treat on the top of ice-cream.

What's the Science?

- When the baking soda gets hot it releases carbon dioxide gas. The gas gets trapped in the sugar mixture, causing it to bubble up.

Website idea for Science to do at home

Make cream into butter:

<http://www.science-sparks.com/2012/05/04/making-butter/>

HOKEY POKEY—INDEPENDENT WRITING SAMPLE

Yesterday we made hokey pokey. First we put sugar in the pot. Then we watched it go crunchy. Next it came off the element, it was yummy. Finally we got to eat it. We liked it, it tasted like honey. It went soft.

By Ezra, 5
Room 2



FRONT GATE

We have adjusted the height of the opening mechanism on the front gate. If you drop your child off in the morning, please make sure that your child is able to open the gate by themselves before you leave. We have had children stuck on the outside of the gate, unable to get in. It is your responsible to make sure your child gets inside the school safely.