

Notices

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2016 Dates

Term 1:
3rd February - 2nd April

Term 2:
20th April - 3rd July

Term 3:
20th July - 25th September

Term 4:
12th October - 15th
December

Website
www.ruakaka.school.nz

SCHOOL NOTICES

Sunhats - Term 4 means sunhats in the playground. Please make sure your child has a hat that covers their faces - a wide brimmed hat is recommended. Any child without a hat will need to play in the shade. Thank you for your help with this.

Term 4 means colder morning and warm days. This normally means that children often strip clothing off and drop them in the playground. Please make sure all of your child's clothes are named as this makes it easier to return them to the children.

Carpark - We know the carpark is very full these days, but please do not block people in. We realise it can be frustrating to find a park at times, but please be considerate of other people when you park.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Pulse Dance Studio - Family Fun Day. 18th October at the Ruakaka Recreation Centre. Help get 20 local dancers to the Australia Dance Championships! There will be a touch tournament, live entertainment, face painting, food stalls and pre sold hangi tickets. Email for entries, info and hangi tickets pulseperformingstudio@gmail.com

Northland Kindergarten Association - Kids Expo 2015. Kids (0 to 15 yrs) free, Adults \$2. Kensington Stadium Tuesday 6th October 9:30am to 2:30 pm. No cost for interactive Art & Craft activities. Exhibitors stalls, bouncy castle, rides and food stalls.

Marsden Bay Garden Club - Spring Flower Show, 30 & 31 Oct 2015 Children section - arrangement of flowers & Vegetable grown by class or exhibitor. Ruakaka Memorial Hall. Contact Noeline 432 8303/Alex 432 8068 **Mangapai Playcentre Photo Fundraiser**, family & individual portraits. Sunday 18th October. Contact Shinay Ramsey - mangapainplaycentre@gmail.com \$10 booking fee goes to the centre.

SPORT NORTHLAND

PARTY IDEAS

POPCORN SWAP

Instead of having potato chips that are high in fat, try swapping them for plain or homemade popcorn



Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



25 September - Junior
School Cross Country
- 11.45am

25 September - End of
Term 3

12 October - Start of
Term 4

15 October - Powhiri

16 October - Show Day

23 October - Shake
Out

26 October - LABOUR
DAY (no school)

30 October - Manatu
Day

5 November - School
Athletics

25 November - VIP
Morning tea



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



Congratulations to Tayla Batten who found dub dub last month and won a \$50 voucher!

TERM DATES 2015

Term 3 - 20 July to 25
September

Term 4 - 12 October to
18 December

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



24th September 2015

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa,
Well here we are in the last week of Term 3 and before we know it Christmas will be here. In many ways we will be glad to see the holidays begin as there have been so many sick staff and children - hopefully we will all come back fit and well next term. I would like to congratulate all of the children, all of the staff, and all of you for the many ways you supported our wonderful production last week. I was so proud of the way every child shone. Every Key Competency was covered, plus all of the Arts as well as continuing with Literacy and Numeracy along the way. Well done everyone.



Some comments from parents:

- ♦ best production in years
- ♦ represents the cultural make-up of the school
- ♦ the little kids were cute
- ♦ the school must have had some new staff(!) as the new ideas showed
- ♦ so many parents, the biggest audience ever
- ♦ The production was amazing; Made my heart burst to see him looking so confident up there.

Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Whatungarongaro te tangata toitū te whenua

As man disappears from sight, the land remains.

A Balanced Education in a Supportive Environment

PRODUCTION PHOTOS



CHALK FUNDRAISER

Chalk orders are due in by tomorrow - we are not accepting late orders so please make sure you drop your order off to the office by the end of the day.

INFORMATION UPDATE NOTICE

On Monday, an information update notice came home. Please fill these in and return to the office ASAP. These forms help us plan for next year. Thank you for your help with this.

ABSENCE LETTERS

We notify parents if their children are absent from school without an explanation or late to school frequently via letter at the end of each term. These letters went out on Monday. If your child is away from school for any reason please let the office know, via either text, phone

SHOW DAY

PLEASE return Show Day trophies from last year - we haven't received any back yet and we need them to make sure we have them all by Show Day. We need up to 8 judges (Grandparents are very welcome) on the day to judge the children's indoor exhibits. If you would like to be considered for this please contact Tania in the office.

DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY

We are very lucky to have positive role models come into our school as part of our involvement with Duffy Books. Recently author Christine Fernyhough came and spoke to our children. She sent us a card with this message inside:

To the staff at Ruakaka School,

Thank you so much for the warmth of your welcome. It was a privilege to talk to and with your students - they had great questions and were really very attentive and well mannered - all those "thank yous!". I hope they will get onto their Can Do Jars and that they will continue to think themselves Beautiful & Priceless & Worthy & Smart.

Warm regards Christine

SCHOOL DROP OFF TIME

DROP OFF TIME IN THE MORNING IS NO EARLIER 8:10AM. Please do not drop your children off earlier than this. Some children are getting dropped off to school before 8am. Unfortunately at this time staff are preparing for the day and supervision is limited. Children who are here before 8:10am will be asked to wait outside the office until 8:10am.

SCHOOL REPORT THANK YOU

A big thank you to the parents that have been consulting with the reformatting of our school reports. We really appreciate all your time and effort. School reports will come out at the end of term four. We hope you're impressed with all the effort that has gone into these.

POWHIRI

We hold a powhiri the first Thursday of each term to welcome our new children and families. Please come along and support your child if you are new to our school. We will also hold another powhiri on Friday the 23rd of October to welcome the Ministry of Education Audit.team.

NORTHLAND CROSS COUNTRY

We had 5 children go over to Dargaville last week to represent the school at Northland Cross Country. Congratulations go to Brooke Morgan who was placed 5th in the 8 year old girls and to Zoe Sands who was placed 10th in the 8 year old girls. Well done to Amy Swanson, Deane Sands and Lexia Maunder who all ran hard against some of Northlands best.