

SCHOOL NOTICES

CAMP

Due to camp being postponed because of the weather, the seniors will now be off to camp 29 April to 1 May at the Takahiwai Marae. More information will come home about this at a later date.

END OF TERM ONE

This will be the last newsletter for Term 1 – where has the time gone? School finishes on Thursday 2nd April at 2.30pm and we come back on Monday the 20th of April. The first weekend after the holidays is ANZAC weekend so it will be a long weekend – 25th, 26th and 27th of April. I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday.

ASB BANK OFFER

If you wish to support the school by nominating us, please go to the link below: https://www.asb.co.nz/_pdf/Supporting-success-in-your-school-voucher.pdf

COMMUNITY NOTICES

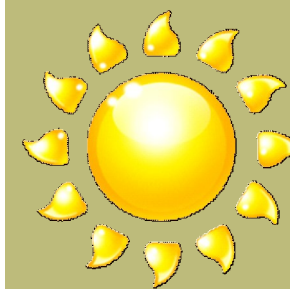
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WORK?

In-Home Early Learning Care and Education Services are looking for people to join their team in offering homebased child care. Or are you looking for childcare? For more information contact Sonya George on 432 1758, 027 632 3906 or shedkids@gmail.com

GIRL GUIDES

Looking for girls age 9-17 to help get a Girl Guide Club up and running. If you love out door activities, camping, earning badges and a whole lot more, please contact Serena on 09 4327 033 or 0211599435 .

SPORT NORTHLAND



TERM 1

26 Mar - Junior School
Tent City

1 Apr - "What a Buzz"
day

2 April - Last Day of
Term



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



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

TERM DATES 2015

Term 1 - 2 February
to 2 April

Term 2 - 20 April to
3 July

Term 3 - 20 July to
25 September

Term 4 - 12 October
to 18 December

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



26th March 2015

Tēna koutou katoa

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

SWIMMING – As the season changes and Autumn moves in, the water is getting cooler in the pool. We try to keep swimming going as long as the water temperature is around 20 degrees. Once it gets colder than that we will stop swimming. Your child's teacher will let the children know when there is no longer swimming – and sometimes the juniors will finish before the seniors.



Room 7 raise the flag each morning.

Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Ka ahei rawa au ki a Ruaimoko,
I know the labours of Ruaimoko who,
katahi ngarutanga ka whiti he tau ke.
simply by shaking the earth, causes the season to change.

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INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

What a great event this was and I would like to congratulate Sarah Sade for the excellent organisation she did for the day – it ran like clockwork. I would also like to say how proud I was of our children that swam. They gave every race everything they had, they cheered others on, and they never gave up. We received the second highest number of first places and were overall 4th in the competition. Our girls – Lily Matenga, Gemma Hindley, Abbey McKegg and Amy Swanson won the girls' freestyle relay. Amy Swanson received 4 first places and 1 second place; Lily Matenga received 2 first places, 1 second and 1 third; and Abbey McKegg received 1 first, 1 second, 1 third and 2 fourths. Well done to the whole team.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

We are very conscious of keeping our school a safe place for children and so for this reason we ask that every visitor that comes into the school comes to the office first, signs in, wears a 'Visitors' sticker and then signs out on the way out. The only time this does not apply is if you are going straight out to the Parent Pick Up line to take your children at the end of the day.

TRAIL RIDE

We require **15 helpers** each day from the School for **Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th April 2015**. The helpers are needed to assist with **intersection control, registrations and parking**. This will probably be the major fund raiser for the school this year so it's hugely important that we rustle up a bunch of volunteers to help out. Huge thanks to Gary and his family for allowing us the opportunity to take part and raise funds for our school. Contact James 021395 106.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE

Some of you may be aware that there has been a male stopping children outside schools in the Whangarei city area and asking them if they would like a ride. Please talk to your children about not accepting rides from anyone they do not know. Later this year we will be doing the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme which will reinforce this with the children.

SCHOOL HOURS

This is just a reminder that Ruakaka School hours are **8.40am – 2.30pm**. The beginning and the ending of each day are arguably the most important part of the child's day at school. During the first half hour of the day the tone is set for the day, instructions are given for the first block of learning, messages are read out of the Daybook, and time is available for the children to find their buddies and catch up. During the last 20 minutes of the day children get their homework organised, book bags are sorted, notices are given out, reminders are given for the next day, and the room is tidied and sorted.

Lately I have noticed an increased number of children being picked up early or arriving after the bell in the morning. If you can avoid both these things happening, it would make things a lot easier for both us and the children. I know sometimes this is unavoidable but I would appreciate your help with this. Thank you.

FOOD FOR SCHOOLS

Each week our children are very lucky to receive a 2 course hot meal as part of the Food in Schools programme. We are very fortunate to have the Parent Support Group paying for this which costs around \$6,000 a year. We ask that each child brings along a gold coin donation to help towards it. We really would appreciate your contributions towards this. Thank you to those who do this every week. Some of you make a donation for the term which seems to be easier. There will be Food for Schools next week but not the first week of Term 2. It will start again in the second week of Term 2.

“WHAT A BUZZ” DAY

Next Wednesday morning the 1st of April (9.00 – 12.30), we will be having a 'What a Buzz' Day for all classes. This will involve everyone getting their vegie gardens planted, tidying up other areas of the environment and we will also be spinning the honey from our beehives. If you have some spare time we would appreciate as many hands as possible to help. Bring along your gumboots and garden tools and I am sure we will find you a job. Grandparents also welcome.

GUMBOOT TREE

Do you have any old gumboots lying around your place? It doesn't matter if they are not a pair. We plan to build a gumboot tree to plant succulents in. Please bring them along to school. Thank you.

NETBALL UNIFORMS

We are a few netball uniforms short from last year. If anyone has one at home from last year please send it back to school because we only have enough for one and a half teams. It looks like we will have enough players for three teams this season.

EASTER WEEKEND RAFFLE

We have received lots of yummy goodies and fun things for our Easter Raffle. If you haven't donated to this yet, please send items in to the office by Friday 27 March. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Tickets are on sale now, please remember to return the money and tickets (including unsold ones) to the office by Friday 27 March. It will be drawn on Monday 30th March.

CREATIVE WRITING

**CREATE A RECIPE USING WORDS THAT DESCRIBE AUTUMN
BELOW IS A STORY FROM LACY IN ROOM 5**

THE RECIPE FOR GLORIOUS AUTUMN

Slip in a hint of sunshine.

Put in a touch of blue from the sky.

Take a smell of honey.

Place a shimmer of the most sparkly star.

Take a pinch of shine.

Spread a flake of the leaves.

Combine a bit of the most brownish leaf

Mix in a bit of kindness.

Put in the most finest piece of dust.

COMBINE KINDNESS WITH HAPPINESS.

Take a hint of chocolate from the most glorious egg.

