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## SCHOOL NOTICES

### DRUM SET

This week we had our brand new of drums set up and some children have already had the opportunity to use them. Thankfully they are in the Sanctuary so the rest of us can get on with our work while they are being used.

### 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!!** 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! 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.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Tiana's Swim School** is now taking enrolments for Term 4. Have your children taught by a qualified swim instructor here in Bream Bay. Lessons for children aged 3yrs and up, contact Tiana on 027 672 8003.

ASB School Banking is available for Ruakaka School Students.  
Deposit Envelopes are available at the office,  
Simply complete name, ASB account details, seal in money and drop in box at School office.  
If your child does not have an ASB account and you wish to open one,  
collect a form from the school office, complete and return.  
You will be advised by ASB bank when the account is open and  
your child will receive a School banking goodie pack.  
Help ASB get children back into the saving habit.



## SPORT NORTHLAND

PARTY IDEAS

# IT ALL ADDS UP!

Lollies are packed full of sugar and no goodness. Did you know?

1 Jet Plane = 1 tsp sugar

1 Lollipop = 2 tsp sugar

Sugar adds up during a party, so look for naturally sweet goodies. Frozen blueberries and grapes taste great!




Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



24 to 28 August - Book Week

28 August - Book Character Dress Up Day & Daffodil Day

1 - 4 September - Life Education

3 September - Room 5 Selling Cupcakes

11 September - Duffy Role Model Assembly

16 September - Production Rehearsal

17 September - Production BBC

18 September - Keep NZ Beautiful Day

24 September - Howick College Jazz Band



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



Congratulations to Laura McCullough 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



27th August 2015

## Dear Parents / Caregivers

Tena koutou katoa,  
Spring is in the air! What a difference it makes to how everyone is feeling. We have had a lot less children and staff away sick this week which is great. Spring begins next week.



## DAFFODIL DAY

Friday the 28th of August is Daffodil Day. We have daffodils available at the office for a gold coin donation all week. Please help support this wonderful organisation, all money collected will be donated to the Cancer Society.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE NEW ZEALAND FIRE SERVICE

This Friday at our assembly at 8.45am we are being presented with a fully reconditioned defibrillator by the Ruakaka Fire Brigade. This is a very generous gift to the school and we welcome any of you along to assembly to watch the presentation.

It will be great to see all of the children in their book character costumes and wearing their daffodils in the parade following this assembly.

## Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

**Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me maunga teitei**

*Pursue that which is precious, and do not be deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain.*

*A Balanced Education in a Supportive Environment*



### DRESS UP DAY

Tomorrow is book character dress up day - please send your child to school dressed as a character from a book. We will hold the parade straight after assembly - feel free to dress up and join in the fun, it is always a great day and the children love it.

### ROOM 5 CUPCAKE FUNDRAISER

Room 5 are selling cupcakes for \$1.00 each on Thursday 3rd September to raise funds for the up-keep of their class pets. They are currently looking after 2 guinea pigs and need money to buy food and accessories for them. Cupcakes have to be pre-ordered by Wednesday 2nd of September to your child's classroom teacher. The maximum order per child is 2 cupcakes each.

### SHOW DAY

Show day is the first Friday of term 4, the 16th of October. If you have a trophy from last year, please return them to the office by 18th September.

We are having a "Pet's in Cage's" section this year. Children can bring along a pet as long as it is in a cage. No dogs or cats for this section. Please ensure that the pet has adequate feed and water available in the cage.

### READING EGGS

At the moment we are taking part in a 3 week trial of a programme called Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress. All children should have a log in so that they can use the programme at home. If you have access to a computer at home it would be great if you could allow your child to have a go with this. We welcome your feedback on it as we will be considering purchasing the programme if we find it beneficial for children's literacy learning.

### SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

At the moment we are reviewing our school vision statement. Basically a vision statement is about what we aspire to be. Attached to this newsletter there is a brief feedback form for you to fill out to give us your ideas about what sort of place you want Ruakaka School to be for your children and what qualities you would like a Ruakaka School year 6 graduate to take away with them when they move onto the next step in their educational journey. This is all about your children so I would really appreciate every bit of feedback I can get from you. Thank you.

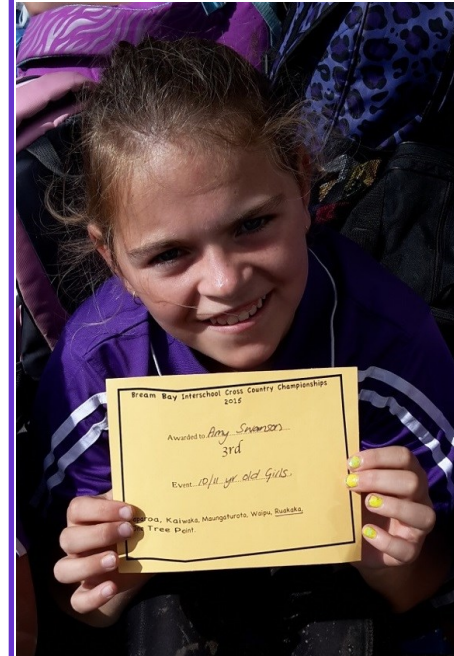
### WHY DO YOU KILL MY ANIMALS?

Animals belong to me  
Don't touch my graceful animals  
They are precious and beautiful  
Killing my animals and taking their habitat  
is breaking my heart and making me angry  
Chopping the horns off rhinos  
Killing alligators for their skin  
Giant animal bullies  
Helpless, cute babies left to starve  
Make your handbags out of other stuff  
You are selfish poachers  
I will get my revenge...

Mother Nature by Angus, Room 5



### INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



Interscholastic cross country was held yesterday. Well done to all our students who ran their hearts out. Congratulations to Amy Swanson who came 3rd in 10-11 year old girls and to Brooke Morgan who came 3rd in 8 year old girls. Our teams placed:  
2nd in 8yr Girls  
4th in 8yr Boys  
4th in 9yr Girls  
4th in 9yr Boys  
3rd in 10-11yr Girls  
5th in 10/11yr Boys



### FUN RUN PRIZES

It was very exciting this week to see the prizes arrive for the children who took part in our Fun Run earlier this term. Thankfully almost all prizes were delivered but there may be the odd one still to come. Thanks again to Grant Wilmer-Provan for all the work he put into this. The extra \$5000 plus raised will be used to support classroom programmes.

### I-PADS AND LAPTOPS

Your children may have been talking recently about new i-pads and new laptops coming into their classrooms. Thanks to the hard work by James McCullough in filling out all the grant application forms, we have managed to increase the number of devices in the school significantly. The children are loving them! We are also purchasing head phones for them to use to go with the devices. Besides the i-pads and laptops, we are also waiting for the delivery of an amazing Science Trolley which was also purchase through a grant. The other two awesome additions have been two new wireless microphones, one corded microphone and a weather station. What lucky children we have at Ruakaka School.

## WE ARE DESIGNED TO MOVE



Physical activity is an important part of a healthy lifestyle for both children and adults. Planning active transport to your child's place of learning is one way you can easily include physical activity in everyday life. Walking, scooting, cycling, skating and rollerblading, are all great forms of active transport that get your family moving.

**We've listed some other benefits that encourage active transport:**

1. Families share time together
2. Increases daily physical activity levels
3. Environmentally friendly
4. Reduces road congestion
5. Saves money on petrol
6. Active kids do better:  
**Better academic performance**  
**Better behaviour**  
**Better lives**



For more physical activity information, visit [www.heartfoundation.org.nz](http://www.heartfoundation.org.nz)