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SCHOOL NOTICES

WINNER OF THE SURVEY DRAW - This went to Tauser Kingi. Congratulations Tauser.

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.

SKIN INFECTIONS & SORE THROATS

Skin Infections, such as scabies and Impetigo (school sores) are common problems in school children. Public Health Nurses are now able to assess children and treat uncomplicated skin infections and sore throats in school age children.

Strep A throat infections can cause Rheumatic Fever. A simple throat swab is all that is required and if positive then Antibiotic's can be given. This preventable illness is prevalent in Northland and this initiative has been established to help prevent more cases.

This is a free service and free medication will be supplied. Parental consent will be obtained before we can swab or treat your child and your child's GP will be informed of any treatment provided.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your Public Health Nurse – Dee Millen on 0800 223 358 (option 4) or 021 735 313.

SPORT NORTHLAND

WINTER WARMERS

Creamy Pumpkin Rice



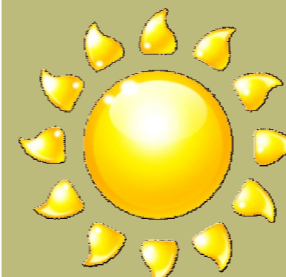
1tsp oil	2tsp garlic
1 diced onion	1½C short grain rice
3C of diced pumpkin	3C stock
2 rashers of bacon (fat and rind removed)	1C frozen peas
	1C chopped silverbeet

Cook onion, pumpkin and bacon in a pan with oil. When onion is soft, add garlic and rice, stir well. Slowly add 1C of stock, stirring occasionally.

Gradually add 2 more cups of stock until rice cooked and most liquid absorbed. Add peas and silverbeet. Cook on low heat for 10 minutes.

Feeds a family of FIVE!

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

TERM 2

4 June - Interschool Winter Sports

1 June - Queen's Birthday Day

5 June - World Environment & Arbor Day

23 June - 26 June - Matariki

2 Jul - Portfolios Home

3 Jul - End of term 2



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



Congratulations to Liam 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



28th May 2015

Dear Parents / Caregivers

I hope everyone has their firewood supply in and heaters fired up – this cold snap certainly signals winter is with us. Keep warm everyone.

Science is our focus this year and all classes have been conducting some experiments. Room 1 have been experimenting with what happens if you

drop Mentos lollies into a bottle of coke - very explosive!!



Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ait e iwi

*With your basket and my basket
the people will live*

A Balanced Education in a supportive environment

WINTER ILLS

Once again the bugs are out there. There continues to be a nasty tummy bug around which is affecting children, parents and staff. Please remember to keep your child home for at least 24 hours after they have vomited. This is not a bug we want spread around anymore than we need to.

There is also a flu bug around so I hope you are all managing to keep well. It is important that you ring or text the school if your child is going to be away from school on 021 0233 2267.

WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT

This will be held at One Tree Point School next Thursday 4th June. The children will be travelling by bus which the school will cover the cost of. We will need lots of parents to support us on the day with managing teams. Please let the office know if you are able to help.

FIFA Under 20 World Cup

The Fifa U20 World Cup game is being held at Toll Stadium on the 2nd of June between Myanmar (previously known as Burma) and Ukraine? Kick-off is at 1.00pm.

We have 5 spots available for children if your child is interested in going—please let the office know by Friday . We had a wonderful response to the adult tickets and have done a draw. The lucky adults are Helen Kay, Helen Robinson, James McCullough, Missy Armstrong, Aaron Therkleson, Stan Matenga, Bruce Paton and Robert Hita. Please let the office know if you are unable to attend and we will draw another name.

SCIENCE TALENT DEVELOPMENT

As you have probably heard, we are focussing on Science this year and the children have all been doing some exciting Science experiments in their classrooms.

This week we have had a group of 7 Year 5 & 6 children take part in a Talent Development group with One Tree Point and Waipu children at One Tree Point School. I'm sure they will have heaps of fun and do lots of learning. Thank you to those parents who have helped with transport. Without you our children just can't take part in these activities.

WHANAU SUPPORT WORKER UPDATE

Tauser has been busy behind the scenes making contact with members of our community to set up a Parenting Hub down in the village area which at the moment will be to support caregivers/grandparents/ parents to help their children with their homework. We will both be attending the J.R. McKenzie hui in Auckland over the next 2 days so I am sure we will get lots of ideas. Thank you for your ideas in the survey about ways Tauser can support our whanau to engage with their children's learning.

PARENT SURVEYS

Thank you to all of you who took the time to fill in our recent survey. It is very timely because we are currently looking at reviewing our Vision Statement which is all about what we aspire to in the future.

Your feedback was invaluable – and I must say, 99% was positive with constructive criticism gratefully received.

There were some common threads that came through many of them and some amazing future thinking ideas that I will certainly be looking into. I had hoped to analyse all of the 26 replies by today's newsletter but I am in Auckland at a hui for the next 2 days so will do this and send it home to you next week.

PARENT COMPLAINTS

On rare occasions, there may be something that you are not happy with here at school. This is just a reminder about the process to go through if this should happen.

1. Approach the child's teacher first if it is a concern about your child in the classroom or playground.
2. If the situation does not improve or there is not a satisfactory outcome, come and speak to me – the principal.
3. If it is about a staff member talk to them first and then the principal if it is not satisfactorily solved.
4. If it is about the principal, discuss it with me first and if you are still not satisfied, you can then speak to a Board member.
5. If all else fails, you may like to request more information from the Ministry.

I have usually found that there has been a lack of information, a misunderstanding or that something has been taken out of context. We will work with you to sort the issue as soon as we possibly can. Conversation is very important. We receive very few complaints at Ruakaka School which is great.

A SOLDIER'S LIFE - TO DESCRIBE WRITING EXAMPLE

Quickly Commander Jeff Wihongi dived into the trenches under heavy gunfire from the Turks up on the cliff, while Commander Jeff was sitting in the trenches Commander Jazzer Eggelton nearly dived on top of him. Gallipoli is not a place you would volunteer to go, it is cold and muddy, as Commander Jeff trudges through the mud every step is hard since you have to stay crouched down to avoid getting shot. It's a nightmare in Gallipoli.

Commander Jeff's green eyes shimmer like the ponamu back home, his khaki uniform is covered in mud but his perfectly polished buttons still shine as bright as ever. He is tall with a lanky figure which makes it harder for him to advance in the trenches.

Commander Jeff was not heroic until he saved Commander Jazzer from a Turkish bomb that was thrown into the trenches. He caught it and threw it up in the air and it exploded in mid-air like fire works. Jeff is smart, he can use morse code to tell his comrades where the Turks are located. He is merciless with an ak-47, as he stands on guard duty to protect his platoon.

Finally 6 weeks later, he received a discharge from the army. The war is over, at first he was ecstatic then he remembered that he would be leaving his fallen comrades including Commander Jazzer who got shot by a Turkish sniper on his last day.

By Hawaiiiki
Room 4

ROOM 9 SCIENCE



The question put to the children was "I wonder what will happen to the lollies in the water?". We waited and watched.

"The colours are keeping to themselves"

"The colours are coming out"

"It's starting to look like a rainbow".