

## Notices

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## 2016 Dates

Term 1:  
3rd February - 15th April

Term 2:  
2nd May - 8th July

Term 3:  
25th July - 23rd September

Term 4:  
10th October - 20th  
December

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www.ruakaka.school.nz

## SCHOOL NOTICES

**School Support Group** - are doing a Christmas Holiday Raffle and are asking each family to bring along a Christmas item or food item. We will be selling tickets and drawing the raffle at Prize giving.

If you would like your children to be in this years Christmas parade, please leave a message at school and we will get in contact with you closer to the time.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Jigsaw North - Quality Family Services.** Jigsaw north provide counselling, therapy, family support and parenting programmes. Free for families with children under 18. Contact them on 09 438 8852, contact@jigsawnorth.org.nz or www.jigsawnorth.org.nz

**Cricket at OTP School** - Open invitation to all children and families to join in with fun Superstar cricket held at OTP school every Friday 4-515. Teams sorted on the day depending who turns up. No fees.

**Bream Bay United Bobcats**  
BBU 2016 Registration Dates.  
Wednesday 24th Feb 6-8pm and  
Saturday 27th Feb 9-12pm. See you there.

## Preventing Rheumatic Fever

**Kensington and Otaika Pharmacy** Whangarei are offering a free sore throat swabbing programme for children and young people aged 4-19 years and for other eligible members of their Whanau (aged 3-35years)

Free sore throat assessment and treatment is available for those at high risk of Rheumatic Fever:

- Maori and Pacific Island children aged 4-19years
- Families/whanau with a history of Rheumatic Fever
- Families/whanau living in crowded homes

If your child or young person (aged between 4-19 years) has a sore throat visit **Kensington or Otaika Pharmacy** Whangarei for a **FREE** sore throat check.

## SPORT NORTHLAND

LUNCHBOX RECIPES

APRICOT WEET-BIX BALLS

200g dried apricots  
1/4 C coconut  
2 Weet-Bix

1-2 Tbsp water  
extra coconut

Place apricots, coconut and Weet-Bix into a food processor and process until smooth. Add water gradually and continue to process until well combined. Using wet hands, form mixture into balls. Makes 18. Roll in coconut. Leave in fridge to set.

Adapted from weetbix.co.nz

Add some nuts to mix it up!

Developed by Sport Waikato 2015

4 December - Juniors  
Beach Day

7 December - Year 6  
Graduation Dinner

8 December - Seniors  
to Goat Island

9 December - Junior  
Fun Day 12-2:30

11 December -  
Prizegiving 12:15pm to  
2:00pm

18 December - End of  
Year Finish at 12:00  
noon

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

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

# RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3rd December 2015

Tena koutou katoa,  
This is the second to last newsletter for 2015. Once again it has been a full-on year with lots of events and exciting things happening for your children. There is still lots happening in the next 2 weeks so make sure you checked your child's bag for notices. The weather has finally warmed up so summer has finally arrived.

## PALMERS GARDEN CENTRE

Ruakaka School would like to thank the manager of Palmers Garden Centre, Damian, for his generosity in donating seeds, vegetable plants and gardening supplies to us on a constant basis over the last few years. Damien is seen here with the keen Room 5 gardeners last Friday, in our new Garden to Table Programme which will be starting next year.

## Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

**Waiho ma te tangata e mihi**

*Let someone else sing your praises.*

*A Balanced Education in a Supportive Environment*



### SWIMMING

Some children may have been lucky enough to have already had a swim this week, but we expect ALL children to be swimming from Monday. Every child is expected to swim each day unless they are sick or have open wounds. If your child is unable to swim for these reasons, please send a note along to the class teacher or let the office know.

The children will need togs, towel, and a bathing cap (\$5.00 at the office if needed). Please help us by naming all clothing as with this warmer weather, the children take their clothes off and leave them lying around the school grounds and we have no idea who owns them.

### PRIZE GIVING

This will be held on Friday the 11th of December at Bream Bay College. The starting time will be 12.15 sharp so that we can get through the programme before 2.00pm so that we are back before the buses need to go home. It is going to be a very exciting event so would love to see as many of you there as possible.

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION

This is to be held on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December at the Outboard Restaurant (part of the Ruakaka Tavern). Starting time is 6pm. Please send your reply slip back to the school by tomorrow (Friday) so that we can let the restaurant know what to prepare. You need to pre-pay for your child's meal (\$15.00) to the office by Friday as well. Thank you.

### FOOD IN SCHOOLS

Thank you to those of you who have returned your survey about Food in Schools. We received 50 responses back which I was very pleased with.

The results of the survey showed that 82% always or sometimes enjoy the food; 90% believe that the children are learning about health eating by taking part in this programme; 82% either always or sometimes send along a gold coin or pay on line.

Overall, 84% of families wish us to continue with the programme next year – and we will! Maybe we can persuade those few reluctant children to join in with us all eventually.

### WANANGA FOR GIFTED MAORI CHILDREN

Last week 80 children were selected from the 4 local schools to attend a wananga at the Takahiwai Marae. This is the second year this has happened and once again it was a hugely successful event for all concerned. Our thanks go out to all of the teachers involved and the whanau who were there once again to help. Well done all of you and thank you.

### PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

Today your child has a slip asking for your input into what you would like them to learn about next year. Could you please complete it and send it back into the office tomorrow so we can use your ideas in our planning day on Monday. Sorry for the short time frame.

### LAST DAY OF YEAR

Just a reminder that school will finish on Friday the 18th of December at 12.00pm. Buses will be running at this time.

### BUS MONITORS THANK YOU

This week the bus monitors were taken into town for a fun day at the pools. They do a wonderful job looking after the children on the buses every day and this was a big thank you to them. Well done. Thank you also has to go to NZ Police for their support of this day and for providing the sausage sizzle for lunch.

### BOOK AMNESTY

If you have any Library books or children's readers at home, please send them along to school as soon as possible – no questions asked. Every one returned means one less that we need to waste money on replacing. We would far rather buy some new books than replace missing ones. Thank you

### GOAT ISLAND TRIP – SENIORS

Next Tuesday the senior classes are going to Goat Island. By now you will have received a notice about this. The children are very excited and it will be a great day. I hope some of you are prepared to get into the water with the children. You need to make sure that the permission slip as been signed and returned to your child's class room teacher, without permission we can't take your child.

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE END DATE

After School Care will finish on Wednesday the 16th December. Your last invoice will be sent home on Thursday the 17th December, please pay this as soon as possible. Thank you.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

As we are coming up to the end of the year, we are trying to reduce the amount of stock in our freezer. We are running low on pizzas, mince & cheese pies, mince pies and mince & cheese wraps. If we don't have a item that your child has ordered we will replace it with a chicken wrap.



### GARDEN TO TABLE

Last week, we had a demonstration lesson with representatives from the Auckland Garden to Table Programme. Room 5 children were divided into two groups and either cooked or worked in the garden. The children loved it, and the morning finished with a sit-down delicious meal: 'salad of the imagination' and 'crunchy lemon muffins'.



### ROOM 5 FLAGS

Room 5 have been designing an alternative to our current flag. Mrs Showler judged our class designs, the top 4 winners are pictured right. We are going to put our winning class flag up against the current NZ flag. Then Room 5 are going to inform Mr Key of which flag he should choose!!

