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



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

SCHOOL NOTICES

Wheelie chair - We are looking for a wheelie office chair to put into our sanctuary. If you have one that you can donate can you please drop into the office or let Miss Irvine know in Room 2, thank you.

Old Mobile Phones - Calling all old mobile phones to help Sustainable Coastlines who look after NZ's coastlines and waterways. After the \$2.5 million was donated to the Starship Foundation from the sale of unwanted old mobile phones, it is time for a new multi award NZ Charity to benefit from this scheme. Please drop your old unwanted mobile phones into the collection box in the reception area at school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Caribbean Carnival - a fundraising event featuring the steel band The Panimals with supporting Caribbeanz Southern Stars (Alk). Held at Bream Bay College Auditorium on Friday 12th August, starts at 6pm. \$5 entry, under 5's free and gold coin donation for primary school students.

Tauraroa Area School - is holding their Open Day / Evening this year on Thursday 11 August. They would like to invite our school leavers, year 6 and up to visit their school for the day so you can make an informed decision about school choice for next year. Students will spend the day experiencing what life at Tauraroa is really like, participating in activities and meeting current students. Please fill out the registration form to confirm attendance, available from your school Term 3 or contact Tauraroa Area School. Later that evening, from 5:30 to 7:30 parents and caregivers are welcome to attend our Open Evening. The evening will consist of a tour of the school, meeting the principal and teachers, interviews with current students about the benefits of attending Tauraroa and more. For further information please phone the school office 432 2643 or email Chris Townshend on chris.townshend@tauraroa.school.nz

Portland Kindergarten have vacancies, we are taking enrolments now. 8:30am – 2:30pm Monday to Friday. 2-6 year olds. No Fee's. 100% qualified teachers.

If you are interested in a placement for your child, please contact the Kindergarten staff on 4322533 or email portland@nka.org.nz. Alternatively you are invited to visit the Kindy at Portland School Rd (inside the school grounds). We look forward to meeting with you.

Huanui College presents Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Held at Whangarei Theatre Company on 11th and 12th August at 7pm. Ticket \$10 Adult, \$5 child, buy tickets at Huanui College office.

SPORT NORTHLAND

GO, GROW, GLOW!

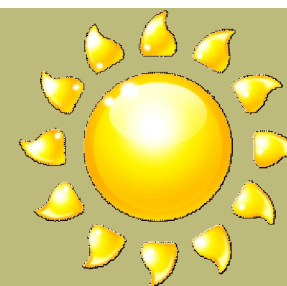
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

Every day **GLOW!** with 5+ servings of vegetables and fruit

These foods contain vitamins and minerals important for good health. Different colours have different vitamins and minerals – eat a rainbow of colour every day! **TIP: 1 SERVE = 1 HANDFUL**

Find us on fb.com/ProjectEnergize

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TERM 3

10 August - School cross country - **Change of date**

12 August - Olympic Day

24 August - Interschool cross country - **Change of date**

25 August - Interschool cross country postponement date

25-26 August - Get wise ASB programme

26 August - Daffodil Day

26 August - Youth Summit Year 6

5 to 9 September - Book week - **Change of date**

22 September - Portfolios and Learning Journals home

23 September - End of term 3

TERM DATES 2016

Term 1 - 3 February to 15 April

Term 2 - 2 May to 8 July

Term 3 - 25 July to 23 September

Term 4 - 10 October to 15 December

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



4th August 2016

Tena koutou katoa

Well winter has certainly hit over the last week and it looks like we are in for a few cold days. Some children are coming to school with almost summer clothing on so they may need to pack an extra layer for the next couple of weeks – named of course.

FAREWELL MISS SADE



On the last weekend of the holidays, a group of 15 of us travelled down to Taupo to hand Sarah Sade over to Taupo Primary School at a wonderful powhiri. It was a sad but very moving experience for us all and they have promised us that they will look after her. I know that we will miss her terribly but I also know that she will be very happy down there.

Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Kaua mā te waewae tūtuki, engari mā te ūpoko pakaru
Persevere with determination, don't be put off by small obstacles.

We love to learn together
Ka aroha tātou ki te e ako tāhi

OLYMPIC DAY

Next Friday 12th of August, we will be holding a whole school Olympics Day which you are most welcome to come along to and enjoy with the children. It will start at 9.00 and run all day with a sausage sizzle at lunchtime. We are asking all children to dress in their house colours as we will form the Olympic rings using these colours. The staff will form the black ring. The colours are:

Kowhai – yellow, pohutukawa – red, rimu – blue, kauri – green.

We would appreciate any help we can get with the sausage sizzle please. You will receive more information about the day shortly.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Please note that there has been a change of date for our school cross country due to the change of date set for the Interschool Cross country.

We will be holding our school event at the Ruakaka Camping ground on Wednesday 10th of August (next week). The children will be travelling there by bus which the school will cover the cost of. A note with more details will be sent home this week. All children are expected to participate unless they are sick or injured and have a note from home.

ROLL NUMBERS

As you will have noticed, we have had many new children enrol at Ruakaka School recently which means classes are getting bigger. You have probably also read in the paper just how difficult it is to get extra classrooms from the ministry at the moment. To overcome this challenge we have employed another teacher to support the junior classes – particularly Room 9, and shortly we will also be employing two extra part time teachers to support the rest of the school in targeted programmes. Our roll is currently 212 children.

BUILDING WORK

Our new superloo block of toilets is progressing well and the ramp in front of Block 1 is finished apart from the handrails. The Ministry has indicated that we are due for 2 new classrooms to cater for our growth but that is going to take a while to happen in the current climate.

COMMUNICATION

If your child is having an issue at school, remember we have an open-door policy so it is vital that we know about any problems as early as possible before they become harder to solve. Keep talking to us and I'm sure we will work through it together.

YOUTH SUMMIT

On the 26th of August a group of our senior children will be travelling in to Forum North in Whangarei for the biannual Youth Summit which promotes leadership. We have booked a bus and there are 40 seats available so we will open the opportunity to Year 6's first and if there are any seats left by the 22nd of August, it will be opened up to Year 5 children on a first in first served basis. It will be an all-day event. If you do not wish your child to attend, please let us know. Any children who have not been displaying acceptable behaviour at school will not be allowed to go.

The tickets are \$10 each but we are asking the children to only pay \$5.00 of this. We are also covering the cost of the bus.

SPORT NORTHLAND SURVEY

We are part of Sport Northland's Energizer programme and as part of this programme, we require food and drink surveys completed for each whanau (only one per family). Please complete the survey form attached and return to school by the 19th August. These surveys help Sport Northland to develop their programme so your input is invaluable.

Singing

1st Alanna Brown

X-FACTOR RUAKAKA

2nd Mercedes Risetto

3rd Liam Irvine

Dancing

1st Sia Stars

2nd Going on a trip

3rd Highland Fling

Funniest Act

1st Ezra Armstrong

2nd The Great Escape

Best Group Performance

Sia Stars

Top Male Performer

Desmond Waas

Top Female Performer

Stella Mathewson

Most up and Coming Performer

Brooke Morgan

Best Presented Act

Lexia Maunder



FOOD FOR LIFE

After surveying families last term, there was a very strong desire to continue with this programme. The support group fund this and we rely on your Gold Coin donation to subsidise this. There is a tin in the office for this money. You can make a donation online once a term if this is easier, to Ruakaka School Support Group, account number: 12 3099 0588011 00 (different to the Ruakaka School account). Please put food for life as the reference.

TUPPERWARE LUNCHBOX FUN-RAISER

To support the school's Zero Waste policy, we are running a Fun-raiser with Tupperware. Tupperware offers a range of lunch box and water bottle options that reduce the need for plastic wrap, etc. All Tupperware lunch products are air-tight and leak proof to keep food fresher and prevent spillage. They also come with a Lifetime Guarantee!

10% of all sales from this Fun-raiser go back to the school and we will also receive \$10 for every Party booked. Tupperware parties are a great way to see the products in action while catching up with friends.

You should receive a Fun-raising flyer with this newsletter. Have a browse through and complete your order form. All orders need to be in at the office by Friday 26th August. Feel free to let friends and family know – the more orders we receive, the more dollars the school makes! There will also be a special Tupperware Prize draw from all orders received!

If you would like to have a look at the products, some samples will be on display in the staff room. Just ask Tania and Irene in the office.

Thanks for supporting our fundraising efforts! Parent Support Group

GALA DAY 2016 - 29TH OCTOBER

The next Gala day meeting is at 2pm next Monday the 8th August in the school lunchroom. We are quickly reaching the pointy end of planning as the 29th October Gala Day date looms ever closer. It would be great to see you there however if you can't make it but you're willing to contribute in some way then please call Terrianne Appleton on 027 6684721 or email her on terrianne.appleton@gmail.com. The more hands we have, the better the day will be and the easier it is on everyone. This is our major fundraiser for the year.