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From the staff of Ruakaka School

Thank you for helping us make 2016 a fabulous year for our children.

To all our families, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Travel safe and we look forward to seeing you back next year.

We wish all our children who are moving on from our school, all the very best and show the world how Ruakaka School kids shine.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bream Bay Cricket - Have a go - Friday night cricket.

Bream Bay cricket will be running a 4 week cricket programme - 4pm at One Tree Point School from Friday 25 November to 16 December. This is for Yr 1 to Yr 6 children of all levels. Games will take about 1 hour and the children will use plastic bats and soft balls which will be supplied. If you are interested, please give either Lisa 0273373851 or Helen 0211300931 a txt or call.

Marsden Yacht & Boat Club in One Tree Point is currently offering:
Sailing every Monday evening at 5:00pm
Sailing every other Sunday from 10:30am on Sunday 13th November
Sailing every other Saturday from 2:30pm on Saturday 19th November
Youth week learn to sail in running next year from Monday 23rd January to Friday 27th January. Students will receive a recognised Yachting NZ certificate and have a fun week on the water. Weather permitting they will sail to Parua Bay for a barbecue on the Friday
For more information contact Andrew Baker on 027 703 4443.

SPORT NORTHLAND

EVERYDAY FOOD HEROES

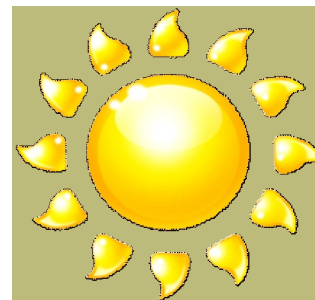
CHRISTMAS YOGHURT PARFAIT

In a small, clear container, spoon in alternate layers of yoghurt, fresh or frozen berries with toasted oats and almonds (chopped). Finish with yoghurt and top with a slice of kiwi for a festive dessert or snack.



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TERM 4

8 December - Fun day at school

9 December - Learning journals & reports home

12 December - Prizegiving Bream Bay College auditorium noon til 2pm

13 December - Last day for After School Care

14 December
Last day of term,
finish at
MIDDAY

The buses will leave school as soon the children are marked off the roles and loaded onto the buses approximately 12:10pm

TERM DATES 2016

Term 4 - 10th October to 14th December

TERM DATES 2017

Term 1 - 1st February to 13th April

Term 2 - 1st May to 7th July

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



6th December 2016

Tena koutou katoa

This is the final newsletter for 2016 and what a year it has been. Every year seems to get busier and busier and Christmas comes about quicker each year. I hope you are all ready for a well-deserved break.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ROOM 1



Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Unuhia te rito te harakeke kei whea te kōmako e kō?
Whakatairangitia -rere ki uta, rere ki tai;
Ui mai koe ki ahau he aha te mea nui o te a o,
Māku e kī atu he tangata, he tangata, he tangata!

Remove the heart of the flax bush and where will the kōmako sing?
Proclaim it to the land, proclaim it to the sea;
Ask me, "What is the greatest thing in the world?"
I will reply, "It is people, people, people!"

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

MerryChristmas



SCHOOL PICNIC – CANCELLED

Due to lack of support and the fact it may be raining on Thursday, we have decided to cancel the whole school picnic at the camping grounds on Thursday. We just don't have enough transport or supervision to make it happen so instead we will be having a "Fun Thursday" here at school. Each teacher will talk to their class about the activities that may happen that day and you are most welcome to come down and join the children for a picnic lunch here at school. I know some children will be disappointed but this is one of the rare occasions we have asked for parent transport this year as we have covered most other trips by bus with school funds and I felt that we could don't justify paying for 3 buses to get the children there and back.

ORGANISATION FOR 2017

Our staff are all confirmed for next year. As part of our move towards a more collaborative learning environment, we will be working in pods next year. Over the holidays our Library/Multi-purpose room will be converted into 2 roll growth classrooms - Rooms 10 & 11. Rooms 9, 10, 11 & 2 will work together as a Year 1&2 pod. The teachers in this pod will be Jennifer Hay, Jo Irvine, Tracey Morgan and Simone Dixon.

Rooms 1, 3 & 4 will be the bilingual classes and the teachers in there will be Katrina Hiki (Room 1 with Year 2&3 bilingual), Victoria Ripia (Room 3 with Year 4 bilingual), and Ramari Pirihi (Room 4 with Year 5 & 6 bilingual).

Rooms 5 & 6 will work together as a Year 3 & 4 pod and the teachers in there will be Gillian Roberts and Jeremy Meadows.

Rooms 7 & 8 will work together as a Year 5 & 6 pod and the teachers will be Joanna Statham and Ryan Green.

Sally Usher is leaving our school to work at a school closer to her home – Tomarata School, and Maureen Hickey is also going to teach in a school close to her home – Waitotira School. We wish them both all the very best and will miss them very much.

Our new Deputy Principals starting next year will be Jo Irvine and Ramari Pirihi.

PRIZEGIVING

A reminder that this will be held at the Bream Bay College Auditorium next Monday. We would like everyone seated by 12.00 please so that we can start the programme by 12.15. It is always a lovely way to finish the year off and we would love to see you there.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2017

The first day of school for children will be Wednesday the 1st of February. We will be open for enrolments on the 31st of January and there will be someone around on the Thursday and Friday of the previous week. If you know of any new families coming to Ruakaka School, please ask them to contact us so we can fit them into classes.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE EMPLOYEE WANTED

We are looking for a person to help supervise children at our OSCAR after school care programme. If you have a clean police record and enjoy working with children, please contact Marilyn Dunn. Hours and days are to be negotiated.

