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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.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Parent Teacher Interviews - Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms. If you haven't returned your form please do so asap. Confirmed interview times will be sent out in the first week of term 2 with your child. If you haven't returned your form, we will allocate you a time.
Lunch Orders - Thank you to the wonderful parents who have offered to do our lunch orders for us. Please remind your child to put them in the box in the office before the morning bell.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Huanui College - April 2017 School Holiday Programme, Year's 5-6 (age 9-11), 9am to 3pm, \$35 per child per day. Features science, creative writing, arts & crafts, fun outdoor challenges, robotics. Phone 459 1930, admin@hc.school.nz
Action Zone - School Holiday, run out of Mardsen Bay Christian Camp, for children aged 9-13yrs (up to year 8). Contact Trish Ellis, (09) 438 0333 or actionzonecamps@gmail.com

We have had a lot of requests from people about sports offered in our local area, below are the details:

TAKAHIAWAI JUNIOR rugby league club, welcomes ALL new & returning players, for our 2017 season. ALL ENQUIRIES TO: Kylie - 0221590778, EM - JHAPE@xtra.co.nz.
Waipu Rugby Club - Contact Mutch Ulrich 0272971144.
Bream Bay United AFC - Contact bbuaafc@gmail.com or www.bbu.sportingpulse.net
Waipu Natural Health - Kids day Wednesdays 10:30am to 12:30pm and 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Waipu Natural Health, 3 Cove Road 09 432 1325 or waipunaturalhealth.co.nz

SPORT NORTHLAND

COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

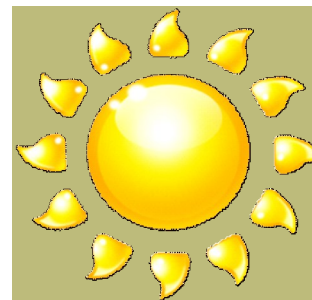
SPORTS DRINKS

Sports drinks were originally designed for elite endurance athletes.

When participating in sports or any activity the best drink is water.

1 bottle of sports drink = 11tsp sugar

Developed by Sport Waikato 2016



TERM 1

25th March - Pukapuka Party

29th March to 31 March
- Senior camp at The Farm

2nd April - Daylight savings ends

7th April - Junior Tent City
11 April - Duffy books assembly 10am

13th April - End of term 1
14th April - Good Friday

Our overall school theme for the year is:
"Circle of Life"

TERM DATES 2017

Term 1 - 1st February to 13th April

Term 2 - 1st May to 7th July

Term 3 - 24th July to 29 Sept

Term 4 - 16 Oct to 15 Dec

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



23rd March 2017

Tena koutou katoa

We are now well over half way through the term and routines are well established and children are settled. Autumn is certainly here and hopefully we will have some great weather before winter sets in.

CAMPS

Planning is well underway for the Rooms 5-8 camp which is on the 29th, 30th and 31st of March. We were very fortunate to receive a generous grant from the Pelorus Trust which has reduced the cost for each child significantly.
We would like every child to go to camp if at all possible so please do not let the cost stop you from allowing your child to go. Come along and talk to me and we will work something out. My door is always open.
The bilingual classes camp is in the first week of next term and planning is going well for this also. A group of parents have organised some fund raising activities for this to help get all of the children to camp. Once again, please do not let funding stop your child from going to camp. Come and talk to me.



CIRCLE OF LIFE

Katelyn from Room 10 marvels at the monarch butterfly as it hatches from its chrysalis in their room.



Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Inā kei te mohio koe ko wai koe, i anga mai koe i hea, kei te mohio koe, kei te anga atu ki hea.
If you know who you are and where you are from, then you will know where you are going.

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

BILINGUAL CAMP RAFFLE

As a fundraiser, a group of parents have organised a wonderful raffle as a fund raiser for the bilingual classes camp. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available from the office. There are great prizes to win. This closes next Friday.

1st Prize: 2 x nights for 2 people at Sky City, breakfast included and \$50 petrol voucher.

2nd Prize: 2 x nights at Waipu Campground in a family cabin (2 x Adults, 2 x Children)

3rd Prize: 56.7 ltr Chilly bin

EASTER RAFFLE

Have you brought in your Easter goodies yet? We still need more items to fill up our hampers. Have you sold your raffle tickets yet? Thank you to all of you who have done this so far. Extra tickets are available in the office if needed. Remember prizes are hampers filled with lots of Easter goodies.

DENTAL MOBILE CLINIC

Kia ora from Karen and Kelly

Our last day at Ruakaka School will be Tuesday 4th April. We have enjoyed working at Ruakaka School meeting the children, the staff and families. Please phone 432 8571 if you have any concerns before we leave.

If your child has given you a notice for dental treatment please sign it and return it before we leave. We do not do any dental treatments, other than exams and prevention without consent from you.

After we leave Ruakaka School you can call 0800 698 3384 if you need to make an appointment.

EARLY PICK UPS

We have noticed an increasing number of children being picked up early from school – especially if it is raining or if it is a Friday. I know sometimes this is unavoidable but often that last half hour of school is the most important part of the day because that is when notices are given out, activities are being finished off, and sports and arts activities are happening. If possible, please try to leave picking your children up until 2.30pm. Thank you.

ASSESSMENTS

Over the past week and into next week many classes will be doing assessments so that we can see how much progress your children have made when we repeat these assessments at the end of the year. It is important that your child attends school every day unless they are unwell.

SUPPORT STAFF



Penny Harris-Tipoki

Penny is a parent here at school and has also been very involved with school activities since her children started here at Ruakaka School. She has been employed to support the kaupapa in the 3 bilingual classes.



Bronwyn Batchelor

Bronwyn is also a parent at our school and has been actively involved with the school since her child started here as a five year old. She started with us as a teacher aide earlier this year. She is currently studying, as well as working with us so is a very busy person. She works with children in Rooms 7 and 8 but may at times be seen working alongside children anywhere around the school and in the playground.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

Our children swam so well at the interschool swimming sports last week. They made us proud representing our school with their competitive spirits, manners and fairness on the day. Results are:

1st Maungaturoto

2nd Waipu

3rd One Tree Point

4th Ruakaka

5th Paparoa

PUKAPUKA PARTY

The Pukapuka Party is on this Saturday the 25th of March.

There will be a free bus available to get you to and from the party. Mrs Dunn and Clifford the dog will be on the bus to greet you and your children. All children **must** be accompanied by an adult. Pick up times are:

Oasis Dairy 9.35 am

Ruakaka Surf Club 9.40 am

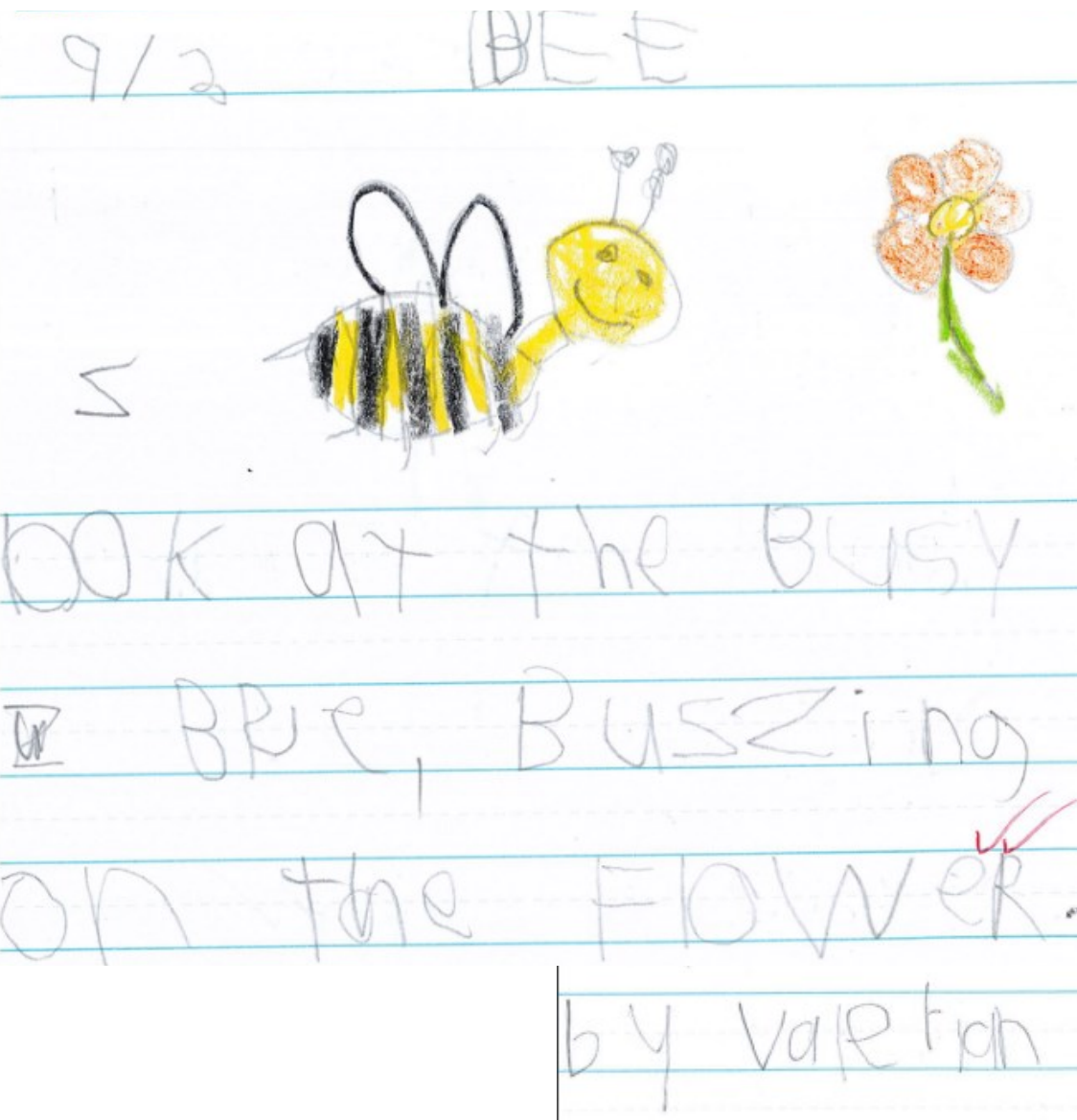
Tamingi Street bus stop 9.50 am

Peter Snell Bus Stop 10 am

If it is dry, it will be held at the Ruakaka Domain, if it is wet it will be held at the Marquee at Mardsen Cove. A note will be sent home tomorrow to inform you of where it will be. It was an amazing day last year and was attended by children from preschools, primary schools and Bream Bay College. Keep this date free as it is great free day out for your children.

WACKY HAIR DAY

We will be having Wacky Hair Day on the last day of this term which is also my last day here until the beginning of term 3. This day is to support the Emergency Helicopter appeal and children are asked to bring along a gold coin donation. It is a very worthy cause and such a fun day for children and staff alike. Get creative! See how wacky you can go.



Look at the busy bee, buzzing on the flower.

By Valerian, Year 2, Aged 6 1/2.