

# NORTHPINE GROWING STRONGER

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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.



Last month's winner was  
Saffron Payne

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### SICKNESS

Just a reminder about the significant amount of sickness within the school with children at the moment. If your child experiences vomiting it is important that they do not come back to school until at least 24 hours after the last time they vomited. Please help us to keep this under control. If your child is away, please inform the office, you can do this by either ringing on 432 7503, or texting 021 0233 2267 or email office@ruakaka.school.nz.

### SHOW DAY

Show day is the first Friday in term 4, the 20th of October. Your child is allowed to bring either a calf, lamb or goat (one animal per child). Animals must be born after the 1st July, in time for the July holidays. We will be asking for show day trophy's to be returned next term.

### LOST PROPERTY

There is a lot of clothing around the school. Can you please remind your child to put any items of clothing they take off during the day into their bag. To help us to get clothing back to the correct child please label all items of clothing.

### BUS CHANGES

Lately we have noticed a huge increase in bus changes - with some parents changing plans for their children several times a day. Bus changes are only allowed for sports or child care requirements as our buses are full. While we accept that sometimes changes need to be made, please remember that it creates work at our end and it unsettles children when the plans they thought were happening, don't happen. Children are often being picked up early from class. This doesn't allow the teachers to hand out notices or to complete the end of school routine. Again we accept that occasionally children need to go early for appointments etc, but please help us by picking your child up at 2:30pm.

## SPORT NORTHLAND

MAORI NEW YEAR

**FLY A KITE**

Kites are seen as connectors between heaven and earth, especially on the first day of the New Year. Try making a kite and fly it with whaanau.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017



12th June - Rooms 7 & 8 Stream Visit  
15th May - Winter sports for Yr 5 & 6  
19th to 23rd June - Matariki week  
19th June - Rooms 7 & 8 Estuary Visit  
Matariki Celebration with whanau  
26th June - Spellathon testing  
27th June - Butterfly creek visit for rooms 2, 9, 10, 11  
4th July - All money due in from Spellathon  
7th July - End of term 2

### PB4L

What qualities would you like a Year 6 leaver to have?  
If you have any ideas please jot them down and send back to the office asap.



### TERM DATES 2017

Term 2 - 1st May to 7th July

Term 3 - 24th July to 29 Sept

Term 4 - 16 Oct to 15 Dec

# RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



8th June 2017

### Our mission statement

He kura whakamana i ngā ahurea o ngā tamariki, tōkia, tūkia o rātou pūkenga, o rātou manakotanga o rātou auahatanga, poipoia rawatia ka whakanuia e te whānau whānui me te hāpori.

To be a rural school where innovation and cultural identity are embedded, students' individual talents, needs and abilities are nurtured, celebrated and supported by whānau and community.

### SPELLATON

Last week your child would have brought home some words to learn as part of our spellathon, to encourage our children to learn their words and raise money for the School Support Group which, in turn, spends their money to benefit the children in many ways. Please encourage your child/ren to learn their words and get as many sponsors as they can. You can get your child to write the words on the concrete with chalk or create the words using playdough or clay. Room 9 children practice their words below.



### Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

He kai kei aku ringa

There's plenty with my hands.

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



### KIDSCAN

We are in the process of sizing all children in the school so we can order a jacket for each child through the KidsCan organisation. As these jackets have been donated to our children we ask that only our children wear them. If they grow out of a jacket we would appreciate the clean jacket being returned to school to be re-used. We are able to order new jackets, but only if our children have out-grown them, not because they lose them.

### BUTTERFLY CREEK

The junior school (Rooms 2, 9, 10 and 11) are heading to Butterfly Creek on the 27th June to consolidate learning about life cycles. The bus will be leaving school at 7:30am sharp and the aim is to return by 5pm.

Pelorus Trust have kindly donated funds to help with transport and admission costs.

Your child's permission slip needs to be back at school by Monday 12th June.

The cost per child is \$20.00 and needs to be paid either online or in cash to the office by Tuesday 20th of June.

We only need 4 parent helpers per class and if there are more helpers than required, all names will be placed in a hat and drawn from there.

We are unable to take pre-schoolers on this trip.



### EARLY DROPOFFS

We have noticed that some children are being dropped off at school very early. We ask that children are dropped off at school after 8:10am. Teachers need time to set up for their day, and they are not always available to supervise children first thing in the morning. If children are dropped off early they will be asked to wait outside the office until 8:10am.

### TEACHER'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Over the last few days many of the staff have been involved in professional learning and development. Last week most of the staff went down to Waipu School for a session on the Seesaw programme that many of you are able to use to see what your child is doing at school. This programme is excellent in that it makes it easy for the teacher and children, in a couple of clicks, to show you, the parents, exactly what is going on with your child's learning. If you are not yet aware of this, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher.

We also have staff involved in the Positive Behaviour for Learning programme, with two teachers attending a course yesterday. PB4L School-Wide looks at behaviour and learning from a whole-of-school as well as an individual child perspective. The framework is based on international evidence.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide framework, otherwise known as PB4L School-Wide, is helping New Zealand schools build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. The framework is tailored to our school's own environment and cultural needs. It's not about changing the students; it's about changing the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support them to make positive behaviour choices.

### BUILDING UPDATE

Last week the new joinery was installed in Room 3 and the same is occurring this week for Room 4. Rooms 3 and 4 are combining during this time and I want to thank the teachers and children for the way they have responded and made this possible. In fact, it is exciting to hear from the teachers how they might work together more in the future.

Teachers working together in this way (commonly called collaborative teaching) is becoming more and more popular in New Zealand schools and having flexible learning spaces like we have here in some classrooms enables this to happen.

### STAFF

Unfortunately, I have to report that Mrs Hay has not been able to return to school as yet, due to ongoing problems with ill health. We are very grateful to be able to call on Mrs Staite to take over the class in Mrs Hay's absence.

### ABSENCES

The education of any child is a partnership between the school and the parents/caregivers. The stronger that partnership the more the child benefits. One part of that partnership is simply making sure that the children attend school. On looking at the attendance records of children at Ruakaka School, we currently have 21 children who are missing at least 1 day per week and another 20 who miss a day and a half per fortnight. However, when we look at the good attenders, we find that there are a large percentage of the children who are here most of the time. In fact 72% of our children are here at least 90% of the time. If you are the parent of a child whose attendance is not so good, please do what you can to get them here, so that we can make the most of our opportunities with them. If you think there is any way we can help you, please let us know. On the other hand, If you are already ensuring that your child/ren attend school regularly, thank you and keep up the great work.

### JARVIS' PIÑATA

After reading a School Journal article Jarvis in Room 7 created a crocodile piñata. He googled some pictures for ideas and created it using a tissue box and an egg carton for the teeth, he taped it together and put two layers of paper mache over it. Once dry he painted it and added some googly eyes. Mrs Batten sneakily put some treats inside and tied on some string. He invited some of his friends and Mr Bloor to smash his piñata. It was strong and wouldn't break, it took a big whack from Whaea Billy to smash a hole in it!! Jarvis said "I really, really really enjoyed making the piñata with Mrs Batten and Whaea Bronwyn. I would really like to make another piñata again."

