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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.



This month's winner was
Ezrah Armstrong

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Last week was our first week of Lunch on Line and we had a few orders both days. The food looks absolutely amazing and it is so nice to be able offer healthier options for our tamariki. We do understand it is more expensive than our school lunches, but due to new Council regulations and our school being a Green Gold Enviroschool, we felt that we needed to review what we have been providing for our tamariki. A reminder that our school lunches are only available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with pies only being available on Tuesdays.

The Lunch on Line website is www.lunchonline.co.nz
All you need to do is go online, register, and put money into your account and you can even book your lunches in advance. All orders need to be in by 8.00am on the day.

KIDSCAN

KidsCan is helping Kiwi kids living in hardship reach their full potential and create brighter futures for themselves.

KidsCan offer all children a waterproof jacket when they start at Ruakaka School. If your child is new to our school, they will be fitted for a jacket, and once they are delivered, they will be given to your child. Children only receive a jacket once, so please help them to look after it. We offer shoes for families who require them, if you would like your child to receive a free pair of shoes, please contact Tania in the office. KidsCan also supply us with healthy snacks for morning tea, if we see a child is in need of a "top-up" in their lunch box, we will offer them something.

SPORT NORTHLAND

BEFORE SPORT

1-4 hours before you are active, fuel your body with GO foods such as porridge, weet-bix, wraps, a sandwich with grain bread, pasta, rice or a kumara/ potato salad.

SPORTS NUTRITION

Porridge

Rice Salad

Kumara Salad

Wrap

Weetbix

Sandwich

Developed by Sport Waikato 2018



4 June (Monday) -
Queen's Birthday, no
school on this day

21 June - Paid Union
Meeting. Buses run at
12:00pm

28 June - Parent
Teacher Interviews,
3pm til 7pm

4 July - Parent Teacher
Interviews, 3pm til 5pm

6 July - Last day of
Term 2

23 July - First day of
Term 3

Quote of the week

*Live each season
as it passes;
breathe the air,
drink the drink,
taste the fruit and
resign yourself to
the influences of
each.*

Henry David Thoreau

TERM DATES 2018

Term 2 - 30 April to 6
July

Term3 - 23 July to 28
September

Term 4 - 15 October to
14 December

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



10th May 2018

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.

Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Kōanga takitahi, Ngahuru puta noa

In spring only one comes to plant, in autumn (at harvest time), the masses are seen.

Tena koutou katoa,
Welcome back to Term 2, the first of our winter terms. So far we have been lucky with the weather, but of course the rain and cold winds are still on their way. The children have been enjoying the sunny weather.

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Shows Respect

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ENVIRONMENTAL GUARDIANS

We started the term focusing on 'Shows Respect.' Some examples include, using our manners, listening to others, keeping our hands and feet to ourselves.

For the next two weeks, we will be focusing on being helpful. We will ask tamariki how can they be helpful at school and at home?

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

Wonderful Writer's Wall

a shopping list,
letter to a friend,
cards to family etc.

On **Thursday 21st July** there is a paid union meeting for all teaching staff at 1.00pm at Forum North. There will be limited supervision available for the afternoon and buses will run at **12:00pm**. Please let the office know if you require your child to be supervised until **2:30pm**. There will be no buses running at 2:30pm so you will be required to collect your child from school.

At the moment we have some children with impetigo (school sores) which are extremely contagious. If your child has a sore that will not heal, they really need a series of antibiotics to clear them up. We can notify Dee, the public health nurse, and if we can get your permission then she can administer antibiotics and creams to treat these. This can be very difficult if we haven't got a current phone number. Dee can also swab for strep throat.

TRANSPORT TO AND FROM SCHOOL

I know that some of the buses are very full at the moment and we are trying to remedy this this week by shifting some children to other buses and extending one of the runs. If your child is affected, we will let you know. As the buses are full, **we are not allowing any bus changes** at the moment.

By sending children on the buses it also teaches them independence so it is something to think about. Plus it saves you coming out every day to pick them up. The choice is there for you.

This year we are trying something different for our Gifted and Talented programmes which we have been running as withdrawal programmes in one of our local schools for many years.

Thanks to the very generous sponsorship by Northpine, we are using the funds this year to run three week-long Talent Development groups throughout the year. The first of these is happening next week at Waipu School and is focussed on music. We have selected 8 children from our senior school to attend this. Without the support of Northpine, we would not be able to do this.

The new bright yellow classroom is nearing completion and can't come soon enough! It is going to be a wonderful room for some of our tamariki to work in and we expect to be able to move into it later next week. Before we can do this we will need to have a dawn blessing and we will notify you all about when this will be.

The new multi-purpose/library project is very close to being started. We are in the final stages of choosing the builder and then it will be all go. Watch this space! We are very excited.

A magical glow-in-the-dark Matariki puppet show!

Exciting news!

As part of our Matariki celebrations, we have booked the whole school in to see this show at Forum North on Tuesday the 12th of June. They will be travelling into town by bus. We attempted to get some funding to help with this but unfortunately we were unsuccessful. We really want our children to have this opportunity and our Board of Trustees have very generously decided to fund this trip!

There are only enough tickets booked for staff and children so unfortunately we cannot include parents or pre-schoolers this time.

Below is a statement from the producers of the show:

A fully UV show with large scale puppets, all based on the legend of the 7 sisters at MATARIKI, the show is 40 minutes long (no intermission) and has a 20 minute Q and A afterwards for your students! We have kept the ticket prices to a minimum as we want you to bring your whole school. Fully tailored for 5-12 year olds, the show has dynamic and wondrous characters underpinned by an original score. We were also inundated by day-cares and pre-schoolers as they were captivated by the highly visual storytelling!

