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This month's winner was
Sikeli Hide

DOLLS, TOYS, PUZZLES ETC

We are always on the hunt for any play based items for our junior classrooms. If you are having a clean out and have some items that you would like to donate to the school, please contact Miss Irvine in Room 2.

ABSENCES

Thank you to everyone who has been either texting, phoning or emailing when their child has been away. It certainly helps the office when we have such a high number of children away each day. Our cell number is 021 023 32267.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Princess Ball is an evening of fun for women and girls of all ages, held at Lifepoint Church on Friday 7 September at 300 One Tree Point Road. Doors open at 6:45pm. This year's theme is Under the Sea. People are welcome to come dressed in theme, dressed for the ball, or in whatever makes them comfortable. This is not about being "on show" - it is a night to make memories, allow our girls to have fun, and bring our community together. Tickets are \$5 each if purchased on or before 31 August, \$10 thereafter and are available from Sandra on 021 02397431. Door sales will be available.

Huanui College are holding a 6km fun run on Sunday the 12th August at 10:30am 2018, Huanui College, 328 Ngunguru Road, Glenbervie, Whangarei. There are trophies for King/Queen & Prince/Princess of the hill. They are raising funds for the Year 7/8 Huanui Futsal team to attend AIMS games in Tauranga. Cost: Adults \$10, Children \$5, 2 Adults + 2 Children \$25 pay on day, (cash only, no EFTPOS available). Available on the day sausage sizzle, hot drinks, bake sale & raffle (cash only, no EFTPOS available).

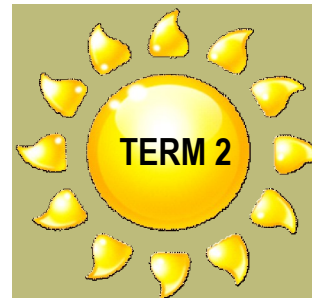
Breast Cancer Foundation NZ needs your help. Their Pink ribbon appeal is on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th October. They need volunteers take to the streets to raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer. Please call 0508 105 105 or email on pinkribbon@bcf.org.nz for more information.

SPORT NORTH AND

SPORTS NUTRITION

SMART SWAPS FOR SPORT

Lollies	Scroggin	Sports Drinks	Water with fruit
Chocolate bar	Half banana or sandwich	Pie	Wrap



3 Aug - Te Mahuri
Beach Planting
8 Aug - Crosscountry at
Ruakaka Camp ground
10Aug - Te Mahuri,
Kapa Haka at Ranburn
10am
15 Aug- Possible stop
work meeting
22 Aug - Interschools
Crosscountry
29 Aug - BOT Meeting
20 Sept - Ruakaka's got
Talent

NETBALL SPONSORS



Quote of the week

"The world is
changed by your
example, not by
your opinion."
Paul Coelho

TERM DATES 2018

Term3 - 23 July to 28
September

Term 4 - 15 October to
14 December

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



2nd August 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

He orange ngākau, he pikinga waiora

Positive feelings in your heart will enhance your sense of self-worth.

Tena koutou katoa,

It has been great to wake up to longer days this term and know that summer is not too far away.

Unfortunately, we still have the winter ills around with large numbers of children absent each day with tummy bugs, chicken pox and a nasty flu bug. Please keep your children home if they are unwell and we ask that if you change your phone number, we would like to be the first person you tell. This is simply because some days we have very sick children in the sick bay all day because we cannot get hold of anyone to come and collect them. We would really appreciate your help with this.

On Thursday 26 July, 2x World Aerobic Champion Brett Fairweather visited our school. Brett lead the children through 3 Jump Jam songs - he said it was awesome to see how energetic the kids were and that it was great to see such enthusiastic teachers leading the way.



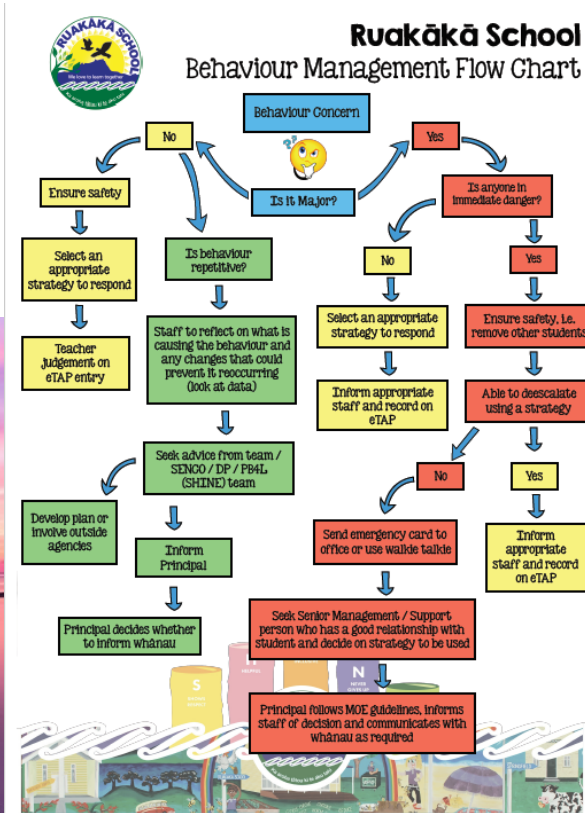
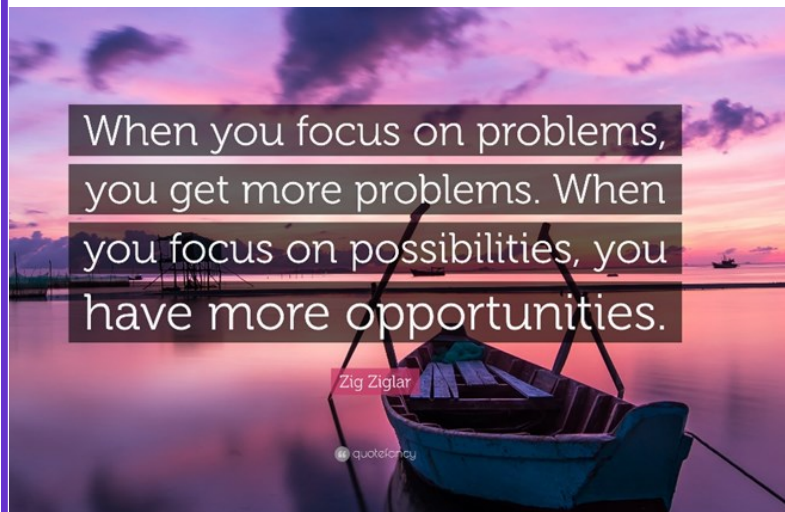
We love to learn together
Ka aroha tātou ki te ako tāhi

SHINE

We have started the term by refocusing on - Shows Respect. A challenge has gone out to all the classrooms to make a google slide to share how their class shows respect! We are looking forward to seeing what the children come up with.

The SHINE (PB4L) team have also been working on a behaviour management flow chart so all staff know what to do when undesirable behaviour appears.

We know that focussing on our SHINE values brings the best out of our tamariki. However, it is also important to have a plan in place for when things aren't shining!



BUILDING UPDATE

Have you noticed how quickly things are happening with our new multi-purpose/library building? We have been so lucky with the weather. Every day the children and the staff are watching the diggers and cranes in action. There is some great writing coming out of classrooms. The anticipated finish date is January 2019. We can't wait!



GUEST SPEAKER AT BREAM BAY COLLEGE

On August 8th Bream Bay College have Marcus Akuhata-Brown presenting and they would like as many of the community to attend as possible. Marcus is working with all their students during the day. They are having a free Hāngi at 6pm (please RSVP before 3.8.2018 to jshelford@breambaycollege.school.nz to confirm numbers for hāngi meals), followed by the presentation at 7pm. They really want the community to embrace this motivational speaker and his message. His presentation is focusing on Developing a Common Vision and Successful Living strategies. There has to be something

in there for all of our community and what's more it's free. Please feel free to share and encourage people to attend. For more info on Marcus Akuhata-Brown please visit:

www.speakerlink.co.nz/speaker/marucs-akuhata-brown/
<http://www.captiveaudience.co.nz/speakers/marcus-akuhata-brown>

PROPOSED TEACHER STRIKE

As many of you are aware, teachers are working through negotiations at the moment around conditions, teacher shortages and pay. On the 15th of August, there is a whole day strike planned. This means that your children will not be able to attend school that day and you will need to find alternative care for your children.

If the strike does not go ahead, I will let you know as soon as soon as possible.

PARENT SURVEYS

Thank you so much to all of you who filled out the Parent Survey at the interviews. We love to get your feedback as it often influences future directions for the school.

The majority were just so positive about our school which was great.

Most of you felt that the way you would like information sent to you was through emails, text messages, Seesaw messages, and the Facebook page. There was only one negative comment about Seesaw.

The only other mixed feedback was about our new lunch scheme. Some of you felt that it was too expensive, others thought it was great. The numbers of families using it are slowly increasing - I guess if we don't use it, we will lose it. I will make sure the information is available in the office area for you.

There was very positive feedback about our inclusive culture and the opportunities Ruakaka School gives all of our children – particularly those involved in our bilingual programme. We are privileged to have such a team of dedicated teachers to ensure this happens throughout the school. At times our bilingual teachers may be away due to sickness or to attend professional development. Relieving teachers are difficult to find at the moment and so we cannot always find a reliever with the same level of Te Reo as our bilingual teachers, but they bring different experiences for our tamariki.

We recently had a visit from the Ministry of Education Māori Language Resourcing team and their report was excellent. Here is just one of the positive comments they made about our school:

"In terms of Māori immersion the school has been very sensitive and sensible and inclusive in the manner in which it has approached the growth and development of this very important facet of Aotearoa and local iwi identity, language and culture. For this everyone associated with the school deserves credit. You are all playing an important part of ensuring that te reo Māori is firstly retained, then maintained and over time enhanced. This all adds to the fabric of our Aotearoa society as a whole."

WOOD OFF-CUTS

We are setting up our wood work table outside Rooms 1 + 2 and we are looking for off cuts of dressed un-treated wood of various lengths and sizes. We are also looking for any tools (saws, hammers, screwdrivers, vices etc) in good condition for the children to use. We also require screws and nails if you have any spare. If you have some that you can donate, please talk to Miss Irvine in Room 2 or Mrs Staite in Room 1.