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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
Thalia Morunga

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PINK LOOP This event is being held on Sunday 21st October 2018 at 9am. It is to raise awareness for Breast Cancer Support Northland, the charity who supports Northland women with Breast Cancer. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 for school children, \$30 family pass (up to 6). Register at: www.breastcancernorthland.co.nz

When registering, please select RPS Ruakaka School as your affiliate school this puts us in the chance to win spot prizes. The more who enter the better! **Dress up in Pink, bring the family, bring the dog (dressed in pink of course) for a day of fun with great local entertainers around the loop, lots of prizes and a Charity Auction at the conclusion of the walk.**

St John Area Committee Bream Bay are seeking the services of a suitable candidate for the voluntary position of Treasurer. This is a part-time position giving you the opportunity of working with a fantastic group of Area Committee Members and Operational Staff from St John Bream Bay. Some financial background would be desirable but not compulsory. A home computer/laptop would be helpful though not compulsory. A Police check will be undertaken for the successful applicant. Full position details available from Jan 0212979270 or email any queries to cbrewa@gmail.com.

Waipu Lions Child Mobility - 10-10-10 Charity Walk and Run - starting at Waipu Cove Surf Club at 9am on Saturday 6th October (register from 8am). 5km and 10km options. \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children/ students All money raised goes to the Lions Child Mobility Foundation which supports children with special needs by assisting them with specialty walkers, hoists and other items that help to support both the child and the family to make life easier and to hopefully give these children the chance to walk independently.

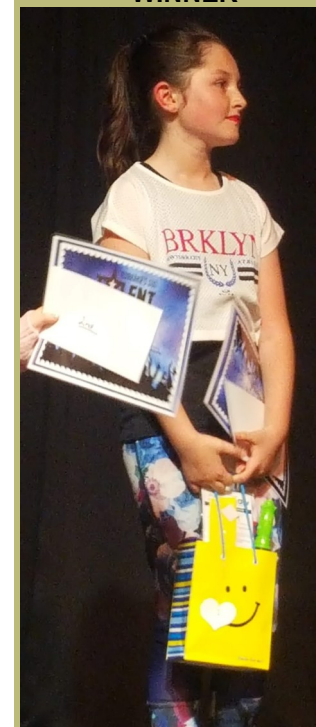
Bream Bay College Tides Out Fun Run and Walk - Sunday 4th November @ 9.30am opp Ruakaka Beach Surf Club. 5km and 10km Walk and Run options. Loads of spot prizes. You can enter online at www.breambaycollege.school.nz and click on the Tide's Out button. You can also register at the Ruakaka Surf Club on Friday 2nd November from 5pm to 7pm or on the reserve next to the Surf Club from 8am to 9.30am on Sunday 4th November.

Sports Holiday Programme - Sport Northland have a web page dedicated to hosting sporting school holiday programmes in the region: <http://www.sportnorthland.co.nz/Schools-1/School-Holiday-Programme> **Pulse dance studio** are running a family fun day on the 13th of October at the Ruakaka rec centre. We are hoping to get as many people involved in this event as possible. There will be local performers, Food stalls, Kiwiyo, Frenchy's kitchen, kids entertainment as well as pre sold hangis and a touch tournament. The senior dancers of the studio are organising this as a lead up to their end of year gala ball fundraiser for Mental health in teens and young adults. They are trying to share awareness around positive choices & a happier mindset.

TaDa Drama! Tues & Thurs - The role is now open for our popular TaDa Drama classes for ages 7-10. Our drama classes are on Tuesday and Thursday Follow the link for more info www.makingascene.co.nz

Scouts NZ - parents, caregivers and students can find out about Scouts, and how they can join the adventure together and participate in the best value extra-mural activities available in New Zealand—find out more via their website at www.scouts.nz

TALENT QUEST WINNER



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Quote of the week

People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy. –

Anton Chekhov

TERM DATES 2018

Term3 - 23 July to 28 September
Term 4 - 15 October to 14 December

TERM DATES 2019

Term 1 - 30 Jan to 12 Apr
Term 2 - 29 Apr to 5 July
Term 3 - 22 July to 27 Sept
Term 4 - 14 Oct to 12 Dec

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



27th September 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

Ko tōu reo, ko tōku reo, te tuakiri tangata. Tihei uriuri, tihei nakonako
Your voice and my voice are expressions of identity. May our descendants live on and our hopes be fulfilled.

Tena koutou katoa

This week has been a week of 4 seasons with sunshine through to hail. Summer is definitely on its way with daylight saving starting this weekend. I hope you all get some lovely weather for the holidays and can take advantage of our beautiful beach. Have a wonderful holiday!



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

SHOW DAY

If your child is bringing an animal to show day, their entry form needs to be in by tomorrow. **If you have cups from last year, please return these to the office asap.** We are holding our Hat Day again this year on show day. This year's theme is **construction**. We would like all children to create a hat at home that represents construction to them - this is a great way to keep the children busy on those wet days over the holidays. Hats need to be created by your child so please refrain from 'helping' them. We will hold a hat parade on show day morning around 10 am, please feel free to create your own construction hat and come along and join in the fun.

SHINE

As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning programme we are focussing on bus behaviour and what the expectations are when travelling on our buses. It has come to my attention on more than one occasion that some of our tamariki are not doing the right thing on the buses – and particularly on the Village bus. The children are expected to sit down for the trip – only standing when the bus has stopped if they are getting off, keep the noise down – and get home. There has also been reports of tamariki teasing other children, throwing things around, and we had a close call when a child was out of their seat before the bus stopped and actually fell on the steps – thankfully the door was still closed. We really need your help to reinforce expected behaviours on the bus – for your tamariki's safety.

TALENT QUEST

What a wonderful event this was. Thank you to all our wonderful contestants – I loved every single item and was so proud of them all. A big thank you also goes out to the staff for their hard work to make this happen – particularly Whaea Kat, Whaea Steph, Mr Meadows and Mrs Staite

BUILDING UPDATE

You will have noticed that the roof is now on and the outside walls are almost covered ready for the cladding which will be in the country November- December.

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

How to claim this offer
Mention this offer to your ASB banker when you apply for your new home loan.

Your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019.

Visit www.asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school for more information and eligibility criteria.

Once your loan is fully drawn down, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.

➤ asb.co.nz/schoolbanking

ASB
ONE STEP AHEAD

In the meantime, the deck will be built over the holidays and the joinery will be fitted. Completion date is early 2019. We can't wait.

ASB BANK OFFER

ASB Bank have an amazing offer! If you (or anyone you know) takes out a home loan with them, mention the offer beside this and let them know that you wish to support Ruakaka School. For each qualifying loan, Ruakaka School will received a \$500 donation from ASB Bank. Home loans can be drawn down anywhere in New Zealand between 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. So if you, or your parents, brothers, sisters, aunties and uncles etc are taking out a loan through ASB Bank, please get them to nominate Ruakaka School. For more information, pick up a pamphlet at the school office, thank you.

LOUD SHIRT DAY

We are celebrating **Loud Shirt Day tomorrow** to support our deaf children with cochlear implants and hearing aids. The theme is superheros, but any "loud" shirt will be fine. We are asking for a gold coin donation to help deaf kids listen and speak, please drop your donation into the office. Visit: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/139b76_e9be72c692d140749b7ce2df139de1d7.pdf for more information.

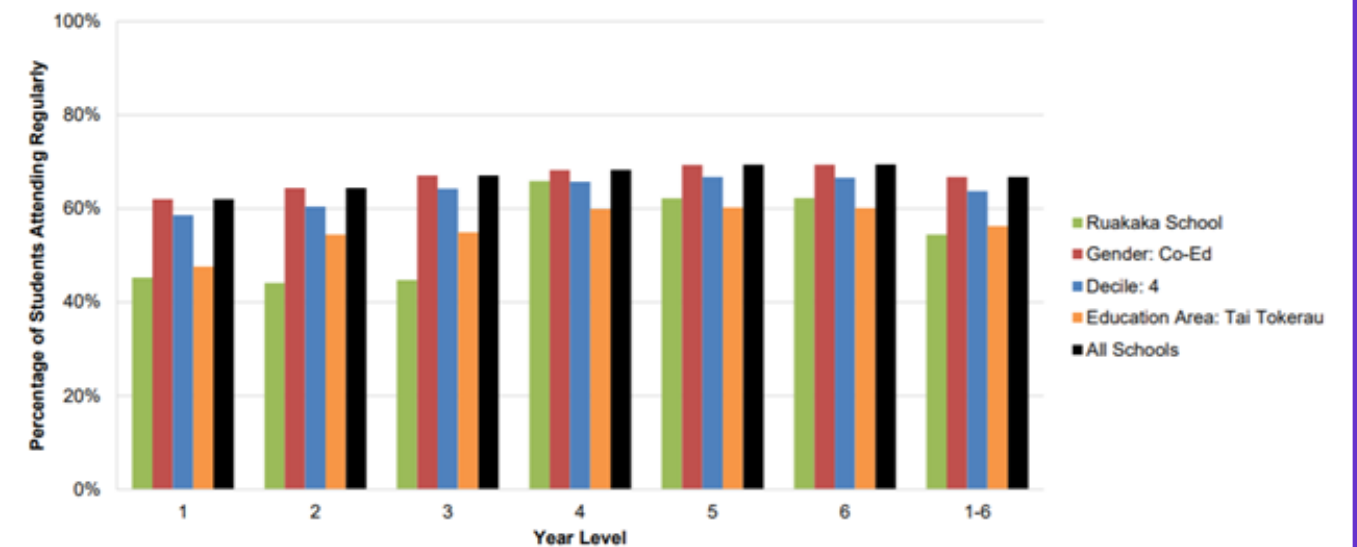
ATTENDANCE

At least once a year we are asked to send all of our attendance data into the Ministry so that they can track how our school is going compared to other schools. We received that report back this week and I must say, I was really disappointed with our results.

The attendance of our tamariki is well below where it should be for our tamariki to progress with their learning. I have included the graph below to show you where our attendance sits compared to other schools. We are the green line. It is just so important that our tamariki attend school every day when they are not sick. How much do we value our tamariki's education?

Attendance Comparisons by Year Level (Term 2, 2016)

This graph shows how student attendance at your school compares to similar schools by year level.



The percentage of Year 4 students (your highest-attending group) attending regularly was greater in your school than in the decile and education area comparison groups.

*Attending regularly is attending over 90% of half-days.

* A comparison by school type is not provided, as school types are typically based on the year levels of students attending the school.

