



Ruakākā School Newsletter

10 March 2022



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

E hara taku toa I te toa taku tahi, engaritaku toa he toa taka tini
Our strength is not ours alone, but that of our community.

Kia ora koutou

What interesting times we are in. I hope you are all doing ok out there. This too shall pass!

Covid update

As you will be aware, we do have both tamariki and staff with covid at the moment. These people are all tucked up at home and isolating with the rest of their family. We continue to follow all possible health measures whilst trying to keep the school operating in the least disruptive way possible for the tamariki. Thank you for keeping us informed about your tamariki - especially if they test positive or your family is isolating due to a positive case in your household. We are sending all of this information through to the ministry each day so that they can monitor how things are going across all schools. I know that this situation is similar across all schools at the moment. If you require home learning for your child, please contact your child's teacher through Seesaw or leave a message with the office staff to pass on.

At the moment, we are managing to staff each classroom, but may need to have different staffing arrangements as we navigate our way through the next couple of weeks. This may mean that your child could be taught by another teacher from the school, a reliever, or in with another class of similar year level. As we have very reduced class sizes at the moment due to covid, this would work well too. We can do this!

We have been advised that Marsden Cove Pharmacy 1B Ngawaka Lane, One Tree Point and Unichem Orrs Pharmacy at Ruakaka Town Centre are collection points for the free Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits, to see if you or your whanau are eligible, please check this website link:

<https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/>

Term 1

30 March - Wacky Hair Day

14 April - Teacher Only Day

14 Apr - End of Term 1

TERM Dates 2022

Term 2 - 2 May to 8 Jul

Term 3 - 25 July to 30 Sep

Term 4 - 17 Oct to 15

Quote of the week

In any moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing. Theodore Roosevelt

Head Lice

Head lice are doing the rounds again. Handy tip - next time you take your child to the doctors, ask for a prescription as it is free and store it in the cupboard, just in case you need to treat your child's hair.

PTA - Easter Raffle

Each year the PTA hold an Easter raffle and we are asking families to donate Easter related items for the PTA to create gift hampers. This doesn't have to be just chocolate items - it could be an Easter craft or book. There will be a box in the office for the donations, please send along items as you have them. Raffle tickets will be coming home today with your tamariki.

The next PTA meeting will be held via zoom on Wednesday 30 March at 6pm. If you are new to our school community or would like to join a lovely, friendly group who's focus is to provide extra opportunities for our children, please let your child's teacher or the office know. These meetings normally last around an hour. The PTA are doing another hoodie and t-shirt fundraiser. These will have the school logo on the front and your child's name on back. Order forms have been given to your tamariki to bring home, or see the attached form with this newsletter to order.

Teacher Only Day

We will be holding a Teacher Only Day on Thursday the **14th of April**. There will be no school for the children that day. Please mark this on your calendars and organise care for your children for this day. Friday the 15th of April is Good Friday - there is no school this day.

90 More Miles

As you know, there is a group of staff participating in this fundraising event throughout March. All of the money goes to Kind Hands Respite Care Cottage in Morningside, Whangarei - a facility for families and caregivers who need support or a break from caring for a child with a disability or medical condition or are technology dependent.

Some of us are doing better than others...haha, but we're not competitive!

So far, those who have been able to start, are tracking along very well and have each already done between 15 and 30 kilometres.

Here is the link for the Give-a-little page if you are able to sponsor us. We are also planning to have a fun event for the tamariki to raise money towards this later in March. Watch this space.



<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/ruakaka-school-2022-90-more-miles-classic-builders>

A very early start for my weekend walk! What a setting the Loop is - my favourite place to hang out.

Wacky Hair Day

Tamariki will have an opportunity to support the Kind Hands Respite Care Cottage by joining in on Wednesday the 30th of March with a WACKY HAIR DAY AND HILL WALK!
Please bring along a gold coin for Kind Hands!



Netball 2022

We are on the lookout for Coaches and Managers for our netball teams this year please, for the following teams:

Years 1-2, Years 3-4 and years 4-6

If you are able to help, please let the office know.






SHINE Values



Ruakākā School

Be an environmental guardian



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 <p>Show respect to our beautiful school by putting rubbish in the bin.</p>	 <p>Show your friends how to be an environmental guardian.</p>	 <p>Say thank you to everyone who helps to care for our school.</p>	 <p>Put rubbish in the bin even if you are in a rush.</p>	 <p>Put your rubbish in the correct bin.</p>



Ruakākā School

Kaitiakitanga



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 <p>Whakaatu i te whakaute mā te <u>raua</u> atu te rāpihi i roto i te ipu para</p>	 <p>Whakaatu atu ki ōu hoa me pēhea te tū hei Kaitiaki</p>	 <p>Tuku mihi atu ki ngā tāngata katoa e āwhina ana ki te tiaki i tō tātou kura</p>	 <p>Inā e horo ana tō haere, me raua atu tonu te rāpihi i roto i te ipu para</p>	 <p>Raua atu tō rāpihi ki ngā ipu para tika</p>

Community Notices

Waipu Rugby Rally Day 2022

March 10th & 17th

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Waipu Rugby Squash Club

U7 - U16 teams

All players need to come along and register, pay fees, buy socks (if needed) and provide size order for a training top.

New players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Vaccine mandates are in place for all players aged 12 and above.

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