



# Ruakākā School Newsletter

9th February 2023



## 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

**Mā mua ka kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua**

*Those who lead give sight to those who follow, those who follow give life to those who lead*

## Tena koutou katoa

What a start to the year we have had. It is certainly the first time I have had to close the school on the first day of the year due to a major weather event. Thankfully it didn't cause the problems that were anticipated but it was better to be safe than sorry.

Like many of you, we all felt a bit 'cheated' about our summer holidays this year with the very unsettled weather. There was definitely a saving on my water bill as watering the garden just wasn't necessary. It looks like there is yet another storm on its way early next week so let's hope it passes us by!

A special welcome to all of our new whanau who started with us this week. We have enrolled well over 30 new tamariki. You can be assured that we will look after each and every one of them. Please keep in touch if there are any concerns about anything here at school.



A big welcome to one of our new kaiāwhina Whaea Ngakopa who is working mostly in Te Pihinga and Te Rito.

## Term 1

**16 Feb** - Meet the teacher Picnic - 5pm

**16 Feb** - Te Whānau Harakeke Whanau Hui - 5pm

**24 Feb** - Senior School Swimming Sports

**28 Feb** - Paid Union

Meeting - **School finishes at 12.15pm**

**9 Mar** - Interschool swimming

**15-17 Mar** - Rm 37 camp

**20-22 Mar** - Rm 11 & 12 camp

**6 Apr** - End of Term 1

## TERM Dates 2023

Term 2 - 24 April to 30 June

Term 3 - 17 July to 22 Sep

Term 4 - 9 Oct to 15 Dec

## Quote of the week

**It's important for survival that children have their own experiences, the kind they learn from. The kind their parents arrange for them are not as useful. Good parents are the hardest to get rid of.**  
*Garrison Keillor*

## Dates for 2023

These are the dates for this year.

### Term 1

6th April (Thursday) - end of Term 1

School Holidays: Friday 7th April until Sunday 23rd April

(includes Good Friday - 7 April, Easter Monday - 10 April and Easter Tuesday - 11 April)

### Term 2 24th April - 30th June

Public Holidays: Anzac Day - 25 April

King's Birthday - 5 June

### Term 3 17th July - 22 September

### Term 4 9th October - 15th December

Public Holiday: Labour Day - 23 October

## Paid Union Meeting

On **Tuesday 28th of February** most of our teaching staff will be attending a paid union meeting in Whangarei. On this day, buses will leave school at 12.15 (apart from the Special Needs vans which will run at normal times). All tamariki will be given a packed lunch to bring home to eat on that day to save you feeding them when they get home. If you are unable to find care for your tamariki for the afternoon, please contact the office and we will supervise them until 2.30pm when you will need to pick them up as there will be no buses running at 2.30. If your tamariki already attend After School care, this will still be available on this day.

## Teacher Only Days

As some of you may know, the New Zealand Curriculum has been reviewed and as a result of this, teachers need time to become familiar with these changes. For this reason, the Ministry of Education has allocated two Teacher Only Days for both 2023 and 2024 to do this. The first one has to be held within the first two weeks of Term 2 this year. The schools in the Bream Bay area have agreed to hold this on **Friday, the 5th of May**. Please note this on your calendar.

On **Tuesday the 6th of June**, the day after Kings Birthday, we will be holding another Teacher Only Day which will be a mini conference for the Bream Bay Kahui Ako. We understand two Teacher Only Days in a term is unusual, but unfortunately is unavoidable. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause, but maybe this is a great opportunity to book a long weekend away.

## New Caretaker

We farewelled Aaron Therkleson at the end of last year and we now have a new caretaker - Jimmy Shirkey. Jimmy started with us on the 9th of January and had the school beautifully presented to start the new year.

## Meet the Teacher Picnic



## Parking / Buses

Very soon we will be starting work on our new car-park and bus bay. This is going to cause considerable disruption at both ends of the school day. If at all possible, we would like to restrict the number of cars wanting to park as much as we can. For this reason, if as many tamariki as possible could travel to and from school on our buses during this period of time, it would certainly help. Thank you for your help with this. We will keep you informed as the project gets started. Please do not park in our bus turn around bay, as this has been causing a few issues with our drivers.

## School Swimming Sports

Our Senior School swimming sports will be held at Bream Bay College on Friday the 24th of February from 9.30am - 12pm. The tamariki will be transported by bus. We would love to see you there.

## Interschool Swimming Sports

The interschool swimming sports will be held at Bream Bay College on the 9th of March. Tamariki will be selected from our school sports to compete at this event and you will be notified if your child is to participate.

## Building Update

I am sure you have all noticed how well the new classrooms and administration block are going at the back of the school. The weather certainly hasn't made things easy but they have managed to keep going whenever they can. This building project is not expected to be completed until at least the end of this year.

## Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club will continue to run this year. It is for any child who wants to hang out and have some Weetbix, even if they have eaten at home. All are welcome, this is held in room 37 from 8.30am.



## Stationery Costs

Once again our Board has agreed to fund most of the stationery costs for each child this year. This means that we will only be asking for \$20 for each child's stationery. You will be receiving a notice about this this week.

## Show Day Cups

Please return your Show Day cup from last year to the office and we will get them engraved and then return them to you until they are needed for this year's Show Day.

## Spare Change of Clothes

Please make sure your tamariki has a change of clothes in their bag every day. We only have a small amount of clothes in the office incase of emergencies, so we may need to call you to bring in some clothes for your child.

<b>S</b> Shows Respect Whakaute	<b>H</b> Helpful Manaakitanga	<b>I</b> Inclusive Kotahitanga	<b>N</b> Never Gives Up Papahueke	<b>E</b> Environmental Guardian Kaitiakitanga
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## Community Notices

### Learn 2 Surf - Waipu Cove

After School Coaching

Our after school surfing caters for all levels from 5yrs old and is designed to be a progression of skills building confidence in all surf conditions. We love getting everyone in the water and having fun learning about the ocean, developing our skills and having fun with our friends.

Running for the 11 weeks of Term 1 every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

You can book at [info@learn2surf.co.nz](mailto:info@learn2surf.co.nz) or 021719773



### Playball @ Ruakākā School

When: Wednesdays - 2:40 - 3:20

Where: On the back courts by the playground

Who: 5 -9 year olds

Cost: \$109.00 per child for 10 week term (1 free trial available)

Register at [www.playballkids.com/franchise/northland](http://www.playballkids.com/franchise/northland)

Email: [dean@playball.co.nz](mailto:dean@playball.co.nz)



# Community Notices



Have a go!

## SPORTS FESTIVAL

BREAM BAY SPORTS TRUST

2023

11 FEB - 12 MAR

FEBRUARY

SAT	SUN	TUE	TUE	TUE
<b>Bream Bay 11</b> <b>United Football</b> Kids Football activities. All age registration open 9:00am to 12:00pm Upstairs lounge area Ruakākā Rec Centre	<b>Waipu Surf 12</b> <b>Lifesaving Club</b> Junior Surf: Ages 3-13 10:00am - 11:30am Surf patrol: 14+ - Adult 12:00pm - 1:00pm Parafed trailer available for accessibility	<b>Ruakaka 14</b> <b>Indoor Bowls</b> Mats & Bowls supplied 10:00am - 12:00pm Anglican Church Hall End of Tamingi Street	<b>Gymnastics 14</b> Preschool Gymnastics 10:45am - 11:30am HomeSchool FunGym 11.30 - 12.45pm Upstairs room Ruakākā Rec Centre	<b>Cove 14/28</b> <b>Walking Crew</b> Beach walking event 8:45am. 1-2 hours. Meet at Waipu Cove Boat Ramp

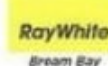
WED	EVERY TUES	THU	THU	THU
<b>Takahiwai 15</b> <b>League</b> All ages welcome to come along and try their game 6:00pm - 7:30pm McEwan Rd, Ruakākā	<b>Waipu Tennis</b> Social teams of 4 made up on the night. 5:50pm. 6pm start Caledonian Park. 9 St Mary's Rd entrance	<b>Ruakaka 16</b> <b>Community Gym</b> An experienced gym instructor will be on hand. Come and try our equipment out. 3:00pm - 5:30pm Ruakākā Rec Centre, Takutai Place	<b>Short 16/23</b> <b>Tennis</b> Wear non-slip shoes. Rackets supplied. 9.15am - 11.45am Anglican Church Hall Tamingi St, Ruakākā ☎ Audrey 432 0006	<b>Pickle 16/23</b> <b>Ball</b> Have a go at one of the fastest growing sports! 7:00pm - 8.30pm Waipu Celtic Barn

SUN	WED	EVERY WED	THU	SUN
<b>Bream Bay 19</b> <b>Hockey Club</b> Ages 6+ 10:00am - 12:00pm Wear your sneakers and give Hockey a go. Bream Bay College Hockey Turf.	<b>Waipu Netball 22</b> Kids 5+ 5:00pm - 6:00pm Adults 6:00pm - 7:30pm Waipu Celtic Barn	<b>Badminton</b> Spare rackets available. Wear soft sole shoes 9:30am start Anglican Church Hall Tamingi St, Ruakākā ☎ Rhonda 021 167 2971	<b>Waipu Rugby 9</b> <b>Junior Rally</b> Ages 5 - 16 years from 5:30pm Waipu Rugby Squash Club, 9 St Marys Road. ☎ Kara 021 923 236	<b>Waipu 26</b> <b>Golf Club</b> 9.30am - 1:00pm A coach will be on hand at the putting green and driving range to give you tips

SUN	TUE	WED	WED / SAT	SAT
<b>One Tree Point 26</b> <b>Bowling Club</b> 9.30am start Coaching, bowls and light refreshments provided 35 Pyle Road West, Ruakākā	<b>Ruakaka 28</b> <b>Indoor Bowls</b> Mats & Bowls supplied 10:00am - 12:00pm Anglican Church Hall End of Tamingi St, Ruakākā	<b>Beach 1</b> <b>Volleyball</b> 5:30pm Ruakākā Beach near the surf lifesaving club	<b>Outdoor 1/4</b> <b>Pickle Ball</b> 4:30pm Endeavour Place Tennis Court One Tree Point. ☎ Doug 022 480 1351	<b>Waipu 4</b> <b>Croquet Club</b> Have a go session. Gear supplied 10:00am start Caledonian Park, St Mary's Road

MON	THU	SAT	SUN	SUN
<b>Tramping 6</b> Moderate fitness level. Bring water, lunch, tramping boots, parker. Meet at 8:30am Meet at noticeboard Camellia Ave, Ruakākā ☎ Glynis 022 046 1994	<b>Waipu Rugby 9</b> <b>Junior Rally</b> Ages 5 - 16 years from 5:30pm Waipu Rugby Squash Club, 9 St Marys Road. ☎ Kara 021 923 236	<b>Weightlifting 11</b> A coach on hand to go through the basics of safe weightlifting 11:00am-2:00pm BHP Functional Fitness, Unit 3, 82 Marsden Bay Drive, Marsden Cove	<b>Waipu 12</b> <b>Bowling Club</b> Have a go session. Bowls supplied 1:00pm 4a South Rd. Waipu	<b>Waipu Boat 12</b> <b>and Fishing Club</b> Open day 12:00pm start Nova Scotia Rd

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## Community Notices

### Bream Bay United Football

Give Football A Go@Bream Bay United

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

Ruakaka Football Grounds, Takutai Place, Ruakaka

In conjunction with Bream Bay Sports Trusts' Festival of Sports, Bream Bay United invites you to come and have a go at football.

This free session is aimed at local residents who are interested in giving football a go. It's a great opportunity to come along and gain an introduction to football in a relaxed setting with similar people.

Join us and enjoy a morning of fun activities, meet our wonderful team of volunteers and ask any questions you may have about joining Bream Bay United.

In case of bad weather, the session will move inside the Recreation Centre and activities will be tailored accordingly.

No experience necessary.

No booking required.

Bring a drink of water.

Contact [bbuaafc@gmail.com](mailto:bbuaafc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Takahiwai Rugby League Inc

Wednesday 15th February at 6pm

Takahiwai Rugby League Club

McEwan Road (next to Marsden Playcentre)

Junior Muster/Try Something New Day, in association with Bream Bay Sports Trust. Come along and see if rugby league is the game for you.

Under 6s - under 12s. All welcome.

