

**SCHOOL NOTICE  
EASTER WEEKEND RAFFLE**

We are holding an Easter Weekend Raffle this year. We would like every family to donate an item towards this. Please send your item into the office as soon as possible. Tickets will be available to sell soon.

**ASB BANK OFFER**

If you wish to support the school by nominating us, please go to the link below:  
[https://www.asb.co.nz/\\_pdf/Supporting-success-in-your-school-voucher.pdf](https://www.asb.co.nz/_pdf/Supporting-success-in-your-school-voucher.pdf)

**COMMUNITY NOTICES  
EASTER CUPCAKE FUN!!**

Learn to decorate gorgeous Easter cupcakes. Ages 6yrs and up. Bring \$30, apron (if you have one), box to put your creations in. Running everyday in the holidays, sessions 10.30-12 & 1.30-3. Only 5 children per class. Phone Kim on 027 561 8112 or 432 9811, kim@donkerca.co.nz. Locate 10 south Whangarei at Oakleigh, [www.facebook.com/caketin-love](http://www.facebook.com/caketin-love)

**GIRL GUIDES**

Looking for girls age 9-17 to help get a Girl Guide Club up and running. If you love out door activities, camping, earning badges and a whole lot more, please contact Serena on 09 4327 033 or 0211599435 .

**RUAKAKA BOUTIQUE**

Summer Stock Sale - Ladies dresses, jacket, skirts, top, jeans. Left onto Tamengi Street, right onto Karawai Street then left at Service Lane No2. Open Mon to Fri 10am to 2pm. Phone 432 8995

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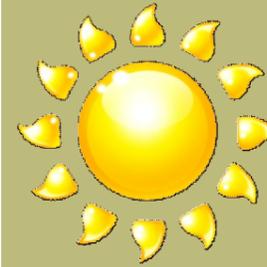
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**TERM 1**

12 Mar - Interschool  
Swimming Sports BBC

18 - 20 Mar - Senior  
Camp

25 Mar - Junior School  
Tent City

2 April - Last Day of  
Term



Have you found dub dub yet?? If so fill in a form at the office and pop it in the box.



Congratulations to Talia who found dub dub last month and won a \$50 voucher!

**TERM DATES 2015**

Term 1 - 2 February  
to 2 April

Term 2 - 20 April to  
3 July

Term 3 - 20 July to  
25 September

Term 4 - 12 October  
to 18 December

# RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**12th March 2015**

**Tēna koutou katoa**

**Dear Parents/Caregivers**

As the days get shorter, it is definitely harder to get up and to get the children up each morning. Thank you to those of you who manage this every day. It certainly sets the children up for a better start to the day if they are here when the day begins.

**SWIMMING SPORTS**

Over the last 2 weeks we have had swimming demonstrations by the junior classes and also the senior swimming sports. It was wonderful to see so many of you here to let your children show you what they could do in the pool if they are part of the junior school.

The seniors held their swimming sports at Bream Bay College last Thursday and once again I would like to acknowledge Bream Bay College for allowing us to use their wonderful pool. Some of our children find the BIG pool quite scary but I was so proud of each and every one of them last week. They gave every race their very best and cheered other children on when they weren't in the pool. I was proud to be the Principal of Ruakaka School.

**Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week**

**He kōanga tangata tahi,**  
*Spring planting is lonely,*

**he ngahuru puta noa.**  
*Autumn harvest has many helpers.*

*A Balanced Education in a supportive environment*

### INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

As you receive this newsletter, some of the senior children will have just completed competing in the interschool swimming sports. I know they will have done Ruakaka School proud.

### SENIOR CAMP

The seniors will be off to camp next week at the Takahiwai Marae. So far about half of the children have paid their camp fees. We would ask that you try to get this money in as soon as possible please – and definitely before they leave on Monday morning. If you are having difficulty doing this, please come in and see us and we may be able to make some arrangements for payment.

### BEHAVIOUR

We have had a great start to the year but there a very small group of children who are bullies towards others and we will be clamping down on this behaviour very quickly. This may be in the form of physically hurting another child, name calling, or any behaviours that are unkind to others. In extreme cases we will be ringing parents if your child is involved in this sort of behaviour.

### TRAIL BIKE RIDE

We require **15 helpers** each day from the School for **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015**. The helpers are needed to assist with **intersection control, registrations and parking**. This will probably be the major fund raiser for the school this year so it's hugely important that we rustle up a bunch of volunteers to help out. Huge thanks to Gary and his family for allowing us the opportunity to take part and raise funds for our school. Contact James 021395 106.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

These will be taken on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Please return forms to the Office before this date. On-line and prepaid orders must be completed and paid by 23 March. Please do not pay the school. You must pay the photographer directly. The website to use is on the order form.

### AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Please give us plenty of notice if you wish your child to be in Afterschool Care (especially if they are a casual), as we need to organise staffing as early as possible so that we have the correct ratio.

### BUSES

Bus behaviour has generally been excellent this year. Well done to all the children. Earlier this year one of our buses broke down and this created some problems for families involved due to lack of communication. All buses have a cell-phone on board, but on this occasion there was no cell-phone coverage. As a rule, the bus driver would contact the school to let them know there has been a break down and we would then notify parents. We did not hear from the driver on this occasion and against company policy, some of your children were delivered home by another parent. We apologise to the families who were affected by this as this should not happen unless parents are notified and allow this to happen. Let's hope the bus doesn't break down too often.

### BUS CHANGES

Please remember that these changes need to be in as early as possible – particularly if you wish your child to go into Afterschool Care as numbers for this need to be known for staffing each day.

### MORNING START TIME

We have noticed that some children are being dropped off at school as early as 7.45am. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff available to supervise these children this early and staff need this time to plan and prepare programmes for the day. It becomes a safety issue when this supervision is not available. Please do not drop your children off at school before 8.10am. Thank you.

### ASSESSMENTS

This week most of the children will be involved in some sort of assessment. For this reason it is even more important that the children attend school every day because these assessments are an important part of finding out where the children are at and what the next steps are for their learning.

### SCIENCE

We are so excited to be part of the Science programme this year offered to us by the Ministry of Education. I am sure your children will be coming home and telling you all about it. The investigations they are doing are all heaps of fun and some of them have involved lollies so that makes it even more interesting.

### PRESCHOOL VISITS

Last week we had several children visit us from the Bream Bay kindy. These were all children who will be starting at Ruakaka School over the next 12 months – a number of who we didn't know about. If you have 3 or 4 year olds at home who will be coming to Ruakaka School, please let us know so that we can set up their 3 preschool visits. If you know of other pre-schoolers who will be coming here, please let their parents know to come in and see us. We are happy to show them around the school.

### DESCRIPTION FROM AN IMAGE BELOW IS A STORY FROM MARCEL IN ROOM 1, AGED 5



<sup>trees</sup>  
trees and trees  
I can <sup>begin</sup> galloping  
zebras <sup>Finally</sup> I can hear  
the <sup>whistling</sup> whistle of the  
<sup>trees</sup>  
trees and the trees  
FIRST I can see Marcel <sup>✓</sup> Fantastic

<sup>rotten teeth</sup>  
rotten teeth <sup>smiling</sup> smiling  
Next I can <sup>smell</sup> smell  
Fresh leaves in the

