

NORTHPINE GROWING STRONGER

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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
Leisha Steiner

NOTICES

Christmas in the Laneway -this year Vitalise Whangarei have generously nominated Cancer Society Northland as their charity of choice and the Laneway will be shut to the public on the 9th of December, with live music on the stage from 9.30 am – 2.00 pm. There will be an **enormous sandpit** in front of Orrs Pharmacy and **Bumper Cars** for the older kids on James Street. **Kumarani Circus** will be on hand to teach kids some circus acts. Proceeds to go to helping Cancer patients and their whanau.

Cardio Drumming - New to Bream Bay, CARDIO DRUMMING. Have fun getting fit, drumming a swiss ball to music. Wednesday 6pm at Waipu Scout Den, Fridays 9am Ruakaka Rec Den. Contact Nadya 027 866 0334.

Waipu Community Art - Waipu are creating a "feel good community project". For adults, design and decorate a colourful bench. This project is expected to take 3 x 2 hour session, most of the materials have already been donated but a contribution of \$20 per bench is appreciated. Contact Rosie on 432 0057. For children 7-12 years, design and print a calico grocery tote bag. Totes are pre-made, bring a stencil if you wish. \$15 on Saturday 2nd December from 10am to 12 noon at the Scout Den. Bookings are essential, contact Annie on 021 131 8295.

Rising Stars presents production of Disney Beauty and the Beast - The Riverbank Theatre, Whangarei, Friday 8th December at 6pm, Saturday 9th December at 1pm & 6pm, Sunday 10th December 1pm
Ticket Prices: Adult \$15; Student \$8, Website: risingstarznz.wixsite.com/mysite, Facebook: RisingStarzWhangarei, or call Camilla: 02108855328

Holiday Surf Programme - Fun, Active & Healthy, 7-11yr olds | Monday-Friday, 18-22 Dec | 1-5 Jan | 8-12 Jan | 15-19 Jan. 11-17yr olds | Monday-Friday, 18-22 Dec | 1-5 Jan | 8-12 Jan | 15-19 Jan | 22-26 Jan. Limited spaces. Please email to book: surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz, www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz

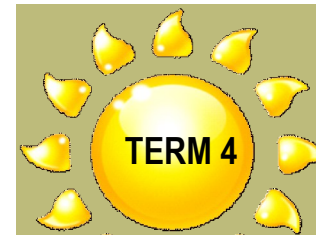
SPORT NORTHLAND

SUPER SUMMER SALADS

A BURST OF FLAVOUR

Adding fruit to salads gives them a sweet and zesty taste. Try orange, pear, apple, strawberries or grapes. Delicious!

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017



20th Nov - BBC Taster day for Yr 5 and 6
22th Nov - Ice Rink arrives 3pm, people required to setup
23rd Nov - Interschool Athletics for Seniors - Junior School through Ice Rink
24th Nov - Senior School through Ice Rink - Fundraising night for Ice Rink
25th Nov (Sat) - Winter Wonderland Ice Rink
• Ice Rink departs, people required to dismantle
8th Dec - Whole school family picnic (all day) at Ruakaka Camp grounds
11th Dec - Year 6 Graduation at old Outboards restaurant
13th Dec - Prize giving 12 noon, BBC auditorium
15th Dec - 12 noon, end of year

TERM DATES 2017

Term 4 - 16th
October to
15th
December

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1 - 30 January to
13 April
Term 2 - 30 April to 6
July
Term 3 - 23 July to 28
September
Term 4 - 15 October to
date to be
advised

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



16th November 2017

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.

Tena koutou katoa

What a busy time it is at this time of the year. Teachers have been finishing off end of year assessments and writing reports. It is important that your child attends school each day at this time of the year in particular, please don't send them if they are unwell as they could pass their sickness onto other children.

JUNIOR ATHLETICS



Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

Kaua e rangiruatia te hāpai o te hoe; e kore tō tātou waka e ū ki uta.

Don't paddle out of unison; our canoe will never reach the shore.

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

A WINTER WONDERLAND

We are so excited to be having the Ice Skate Tour here. It will be open to the community on Thursday afternoon from 3.00 - 5.00pm, Friday 3.00pm - 8.00pm and Saturday 10am to 4pm.

"A Winter Wonderland" will be held on Friday night. We are holding a Christmas craft market, food stalls, photos with Santa, face painting, ice skating rink, bouncy castle, bubbles, spin art, a snow machine and hangi meals. Hangi tickets (limited number) are available now at the office for \$10 each. All stalls are cash only, Eftpos will be available onsite. Ice skating prices are: Children (under 16) \$7, Adults \$13, Family (2 children + 2 adults) \$35. Prices include skate hire, helmet, gloves and at least 30mins of skating time.

You can help us by being here on Wednesday afternoon to help set the rink up; camp here as security on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday nights; help run a food stall, have a stall, decorate the rink; provide a big Christmas tree, lights, decorations – please contact Wendy Roswell if you can help on 021 0399 555.

We are holding a large Christmas grocery raffle. We are asking all families to donate items to this. Can you please drop these into the office by Wednesday next week so the hampers can be may prepared. We need Christmas lights, preferable solar lights, if you have any we can borrow, please label with your child's name and room number and they will be returned to your child after Winter Wonderland.

BREAM BAY KAHUI AKO

As you are aware, Ruakaka School is now part of a Community of Learning which involves Early Childhood Centres, Primary Schools, Bream Bay College and Patukarakeke representatives. There are exciting times ahead as we work on a plan together around a shared achievement challenge. We are currently in the process of appointing a Lead Principal.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We will be offering after school care again in 2018. We have not raised the fees since starting this service, and we have decided to keep the fees the same in 2018. Our fees are lower than other programmes within our area and we hope this makes it more affordable for our families. If you are interested in our service, head into the office for more information.

PRIZEGIVING

Prizegiving is Wednesday the 13th of December. We are holding it at 12.00pm at Bream Bay College so you may be able to get away from work for a couple of hours and it isn't a late night for the children. Please return any trophies from last year to the office asap.

We will be farewelling Jennifer Hay at this prizegiving, we are going to present her with a gift from the community, if you would like to contribute, please send money into the office.

CLASS ORGANISATION 2018

We are currently organising classes for next year. If you know of any children that will be attending Ruakaka School next year or if you are not returning next year, please let us know.

SWIMMING

We will be opening the pool as soon as the pump has been fixed and the water temperature is warm enough. Please make sure that your child has togs, cap (available at the office for \$5) goggles (if your child uses them), and a towel that are all named.

GRADUATION DINNER

Graduation dinner is being held on the 11 December at 6pm. This is being held at the old Outboards restaurant at the Ruakaka tavern. Only Year 6 children and their parents\caregiver are able to attend, no siblings as this is a time for our Year 6 children to shine and reflect on their time at Ruakaka School. Please make sure your child has returned their form and money to the office by the 4th of December.

BUILDING 2018

We are going to renumber our classrooms for the beginning of 2018. While we realise this may cause some confusion in the beginning, we are going to have our classrooms numbered in a more logical way. By the end of 2018 we are hoping to have 14 classrooms and our new multi-purpose and library open for use. It will be another busy year for building, but we will try to keep the disruption to children's learning to a minimum.

ATHLETICS

We held senior athletics last week and for the first time we included our seven year olds. It was a fabulous day and it was lovely to see lots of family and whanau here supporting our children. If your child has been selected for Interschool athletics you should have received a notice about this. Please make sure your child returns their notice to their classroom teacher asap. Junior athletics was held today and weren't we lucky with the weather. It was lovely to see so many parents \ caregivers here supporting and encouraging all the children.

HEALTH NOTICE

Skin Infections, such as scabies and Impetigo (school sores) are common problems in school children. Public Health Nurses are able to assess children and treat uncomplicated skin infections and sore throats in school age children. Strep A throat infections can cause Rheumatic Fever. A simple throat swab is all that is required and if positive then Antibiotic's can be given. This preventable illness is prevalent in Northland and this initiative has been established to help prevent more cases.

This is a free service and free medication will be supplied. Parental consent will be obtained before we can swab or treat your child and your child's GP will be informed of any treatment provided.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your Public Health Nurse – Dee Millen-Turner on 0800 223 358 (option 4) or 021 735 313