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SCHOOL NOTICES

Lunch Orders - Thank you to the wonderful parents who have offered to do our lunch orders for us. Please remind your child to put them in the box in the office before the morning bell.

Stationery - thank you to everyone one who has purchased stationery for their children. There are only around 10 children who don't have their stationery, please come and see us so we can sort a solution for your child.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bream Bay United AFC - 2017 Registration, Saturday 25 Feb 9-12 at the Ruakaka Community Trust (next to fields), REGISTER ON-LINE at www.bbu.sportingpulse.net

TAKAHIWAI JUNIOR rugby league club, welcomes ALL new & returning players, for our 2017 season. BOYS & GIRLS (up to U11) muster/registration day for ALL grades; U5 (new), U7, U9, U11, U13, U15 & U17, will be held on; SUNDAY, 5 MARCH @ 10am Takahiwai Clubrooms, Corner of; One Tree Point & McEwan Roads. "Come dressed ready to have a GO". Please bring ID (birth cert/passport) for ALL new & unregistered players ALL ENQUIRIES TO: Kylie - 0221590778, EM - JHAFE@xtra.co.nz,

Waipu Rugby Club Junior Rally Day has a Junior Rally Day on Thursday 9 March starting at 5pm at the club. All players from 5 - 14 years of age are more than welcome to come along and register for the 2017 rugby season. We have great coaches and managers who are very organised, reliable and totally committed to their teams. The Waipu Rugby Squash Club is very supportive and passionate about encouraging our young people to be active and part of a team sport. Contact Mutch Ulrich 0272971144.

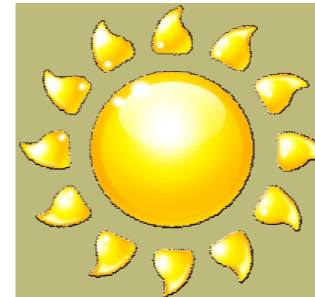
Northern AgriKids - Regional Finals in Whangarei 18 March 2017.

Open to all primary school students aged 8+, Free entry completing in teams of 3. The 3 top teams go through to Grand Final in Manawatu on 7 July. For more information visit Www.agrikidsnz.co.nz or email agrikids@youngfarmers.co.nz

SPORT NORTHLAND

Along with water, low fat milk is an EVERYDAY drink as it is high in calcium, which is important for the health of your bones and teeth. Flavoured milks are SOMETIMES drinks as they contain calcium, but can be very high in sugar. 1 x 250ml carton flavoured milk = 5tsp sugar

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TERM 1

23rd Feb - School picnic, tonight at 5.30pm to 7.30pm

2nd March - School swimming sports

9th March - Interschool swimming sports

25th March - Pukapuka Party

14th April - End of term, Good Friday

Our overall school theme for the year is:
"Circle of Life"

TERM DATES 2017

Term 1 - 1st February to 13th April

Term 2 - 1st May to 7th July

Term 3 - 24th July to 29 Sept

Term 4 - 16 Oct to 15 Dec

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



23rd February 2017

Tena koutou katoa

What a great start we have had to the school year of learning. New children and new staff have settled in to our school whanau so well.

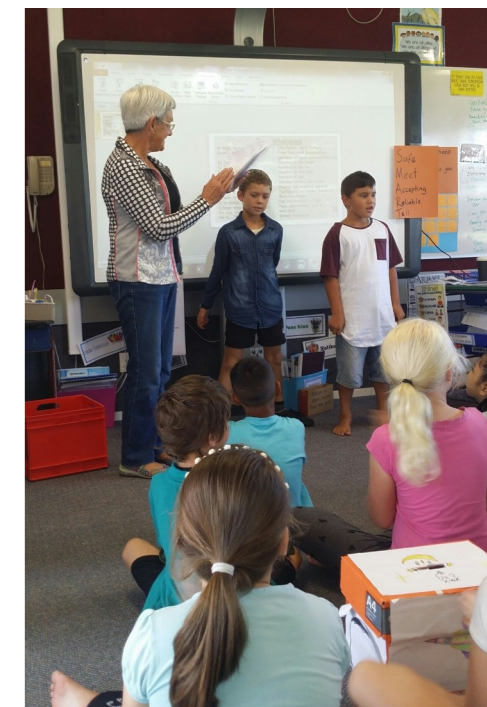
OOPS! CORRECTIONS FROM LAST NEWSLETTER

Somehow we did not include Jo Irvine as one of our new Deputy Principals – the other one is Ramari Pirihi.

We also misspelt Katrina Hiki's surname. Sorry everyone.

SUMMER READING PASSPORTS

It was great to see that we had about 50 children who took part in the Bream Bay Learning Community's summer passport activities over the Christmas Holidays. All of those that entered went into a prize draw and four of our children won great prizes. These children were: Quinten Showler, Rueban Showler, Tahlia Morunga and Kauri Brears. Congratulations to all of you who took part.



Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai

If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.

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

FAMILY PICNIC

Just a reminder that this will now be held today (Thursday 23rd February) from 5.30 – 7.30. Bring along some food or just help yourself to a sausage and bread which we are providing. Classrooms will be open from 5.30 – 6.00 for you to see the renovations or just where your child spends their day learning. We would love to see as many of you here as possible.

DENTAL MOBILE CLINIC

Kia ora from Karen (Dental Therapist) and Kelly (Dental Assistant). We have started seeing children who are due for check ups. They will have a check up, x-rays if needed and preventative treatment which means fluoride varnish and sealants to protect new adult teeth. If any other treatment is necessary, you will receive a letter to fill in and sign and return before the treatment is carried out. Please feel free to call us on 432 8571 or drop in the to mobile clinic. Your children's teeth are important to us.

ATTENDANCE

It has been great to see almost all children at school over the past week – regular attendance is just so important both for children's learning and their self-confidence. When they are regularly away, it not only effects their learning, but it effects their friendships as well. A special thank you to all of you who have phoned or text the school to explain why your child is not at school. It saves us so much time and it helps to ensure that we can keep your children safe.

PUKAPUKA PARTY

As well as the Summer Passports, the Bream Bay Learning Community are also organising another Pukapuka Party down at the Ruakaka Shopping Centre on Saturday the 25th of March. It was an amazing day last year and was attended by children from preschools, primary schools and Bream Bay College. Keep this date free as it is great free day out for your children.

HUT MATERIALS

Our children love the hut area and it is great for creative play. If you have any materials at home like big drums, tyres, wood (with no nails please), pallets etc – please send it along to school. It all goes on the back field and our gear has been used so much it is definitely in need of replacement.

BIKES

We have had to have major repairs done on many of our bikes and Bikes in Schools have done this for us. We are lucky that we have found a volunteer to keep them maintained so that is great. They get a hard life but the children love them.

GARDEN TO TABLE

Although we no longer have our multi-purpose room, we are still continuing with the Garden to Table programme but are having to hold it in the staffroom which is not ideal but is only temporary until our new multi-purpose building is built later this year. We would like to thank our main sponsor – T&G Global – for their generous sponsorship of this programme.



SEESAW

This year, thanks to the support from our Parent Support Group, we will be using the Seesaw App to share your child's learning with you, rather than sending home Portfolios or Learning Journals. This is a fantastic app that allows you to see instantly what your child can do and you can give feedback too which is wonderful. You do need internet access and a password to do this but you will get more information about it as soon as we have it organised. For those of you without internet access, we will look at ways of this happening at school or at a place in the community.

This is a trial year, so please keep us informed about how you are finding it. It is new for staff too so there may be a few teething problems. You will still receive a mid-year report in regards to the National Standards and also a full report at the end of the year.

BUILDING UPDATE

The new cladding is on our new toilet block now and it looks amazing. It is almost completely damage proof so it will be great to see how it goes.

The break out spaces in Room 1 & 2 are almost finished and the new deck at the end of the old library is almost finished. Most other work will happen in the next holidays so watch this space.

How are your children finding their new learning spaces?

SWIMMING SPORTS

These will be held next Thursday the 2nd of March at Bream Bay College. The children would love you to come and watch. You will receive a notice about this early next week.

The interschool sports are on Thursday 9th March at Bream Bay College. You will be informed if your child is to represent Ruakaka School at these.

CAMPS

Just to clarify things:

Rooms 5, 6, 7 & 8 camp - We have applied to the Pelorus Trust for funding to cover the accommodation and the camp activities at "The Farm" in Whangaruru. We will hear if we are successful with this early in March.

To cover the cost of food, transport and other consumables for camp, we have asked each child to pay \$55.

If we are unsuccessful with our application to Pelorus Trust, or if we don't get the amount we applied for, we will then need to ask parents to cover that cost.

We are hoping that does not happen, but just wanted to clarify things. We will let you know as soon as we are notified by Pelorus.

If you are needing to pay off the \$55, please just come and see us and we will work something out.

The 3 bi-lingual classes are going to the Manaia Baptist Camp at Taurikura at the beginning of Term 2. More information about this camp will come out soon.

WEETBIX KIDS TRIATHLON

This will be held on Sunday the 2nd of April at Waitangi. Some of our kids have already entered.

There is a \$19.00 discount for Early-bird registrations (by 1st March), plus an extra \$20.00 discount through some schools – and we are one of them! It makes it very cheap to do. Please contact Jo Irvine – joannei@ruakaka.school.nz – if you need anymore information.