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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.



Last month's winner was Ninale Carr.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Whangarei Intermediate School invite you to help them fundraise to get their Kapa Haka Roopu to Nationals in November 2017. They are holding a Monster Garage Sale on Saturday 19th August 2017, 7am to 1pm, Whangarei Intermediate School Hall.

Whangarei Young Mariners is a girls group ages 8-18, who meet every Monday from 6pm to 8pm at Riverside Drive beside the old BMX track. They do activities including sailing, rigging, canoeing, rowing, knots, tramping, bush craft and badge work. For more information phone Jill on 027 406 9666 or Karen on 021 240 0414.

Yoga Being Workshop with Jaymin (Shadow Yoga); Aug 19th 7-9 am, 20th 8-10 am, \$70. Phone Jaymin on 027 304 9670 for more details.

ASB

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

SPORT NORTH AND

HEALTHY HOME BAKING

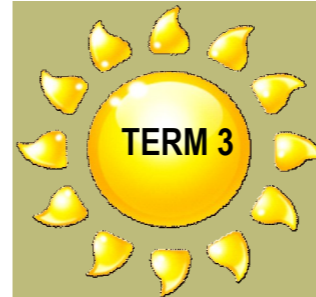
HOME BAKING

With a few healthy changes muffins, scones, loaves and muesli bars can be made at home for a healthy, fresh and cheap snack. Also, great for the lunchbox!



Home baking = less packaging... a bonus for the environment

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017



4th Aug - Rm 3 & 4
Whitebait field trip

9th Aug - BOT Meeting

11th Aug - Little Mermaid Production in town, leaving school at 11am and returning by 2pm

14th Aug - School cross country

15th Aug - School cross country postponement date

17th Aug - Jennifer Hay's farewell afternoon tea 2:45pm

23rd Aug - Interschool cross country

21st Sept - Production

28th Sept - Howick College music performance to whole school

TERM DATES 2017

Term 3 - 24th July to 29 September

Term 4 - 16 October to 15 December

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



3rd August 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.

I survived the first week of term and I am now back to reality. I am thoroughly enjoying being back and it is great to see that everything is ticking along as usual which proves what an amazing staff we have caring for our tamariki.



Some of our Gifted and Talented (GATE) children in action at One Tree Point School.



POWHIRI

This week we held our powhiri to welcome new whanau to the school. Last term we enrolled over 30 new children - although we did lose some who moved out of the area. Our roll continues to steadily increase and we welcome all new families to the Ruakaka School whanau.

Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

*Ko te reo Māori te kākahu o te whakaaro, te huarahi i tea o tūroa.
The Maori language is the cloak of thought and the pathway to this natural world.*

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

SPELLATON

Last term our Spellathon raised \$1820 which is an awesome effort by the students reflecting the amount of work they put into practising their words and getting sponsorship from friends and family. The money will go towards resources for the students. Thank you to everyone who helped their child to learn their words and to those who sponsored them. If you still have money at home, please send it along to school.

PRODUCTION

This will be held in Week 9 on Thursday the 21st of September starting at 6pm. Because of our numbers, we are looking at holding an extra performance during a day around that date, we are just waiting on confirmation of this date. You will receive more information closer to the day. Classes are busy practising for another great show.

GARDEN

Grandma Judie is looking for a trailer load of topsoil to top up our gardens. She is also looking for a trailer load of either clean sawdust or bark to put around the gardens to discourage the weeds. If you can supply either of these items, please let the office know, so we can organise delivery.

CROSS COUNTRY

This will be held on Monday the 14th of August. Once again it will be held at the Ruakaka camp ground. More information will follow, but it will be run along the same lines as last year, with the juniors running first and then the seniors. We will be providing buses to get the children to and from the camp ground. As we will be near water, we will need plenty of parent helpers on the day so please note this date on your calendar. The postponement date for cross country is Tuesday the 15th of August.

SEESAW

This year we are trialling using Seesaw to share your child's learning with you throughout the year rather than sending home hard copies of portfolios 3-4 times a year. Staff are still in the process of learning all the things that Seesaw can do but I hope as parents and caregivers, you are starting to get regular posts from your child and/or their teacher.

The advantages of using Seesaw are that you can receive posts minutes after your child has completed an activity, the children themselves can take their own photos and post them, and you can write comments back to your child.

The teacher needs to authorise anything that goes onto Seesaw, including your comments and no one else can see your child's post unless the teacher authorises this so it is very safe.

JENNIFER HAY'S FAREWELL

While I was away Jennifer Hay retired from her teaching position at Ruakaka School. Jennifer has been at Ruakaka School for over 10 years and so many of your children started their school life in her class. All of the children absolutely loved being in Jennifer's room.

We have decided to have an afternoon tea rather than a morning tea so that parents can attend and staff do not need to be on duty.

We plan to hold this on Thursday the 17th of August in the staffroom at 2.45pm. We would love to see as many of you here as can make it. If you would like to bring a plate of food along that would be helpful.

We will be collecting donations which can be handed in at any time to the office to go towards a gift from the school community which we will present to her at Prize Giving at the end of the year.

BIKES

We desperately need a parent or grand-parent who can come along to school when you have time, to maintain our bikes. There are things like changing tyres, replacing chains, blowing up tyres etc that need to be done regularly.

Please let the office know if you are able to help. Thank you.

HEADPHONES

With all the new devices and programmes we run at school, it would be useful for your child to have a set of headphones or ear buds that they can use at school. Please send them along to the classroom teacher and they will label them for use by your child.

THE LITTLE MERMAID

Huanui College Production – "The Little Mermaid" - On Friday 11th August, we will be taking the whole school to this production being held at Forum North in Whangarei. The children will be travelling by bus. The whole trip has been paid for by our Support Group which is amazing. It is great to see our fund raising used like this as all children will benefit from the opportunity to watch others perform on stage before our school production. We will be leaving the school at 11.00am and will be back by about 2.00pm.

If you do not wish your child to attend, please let us know at the office – otherwise we will assume that you are happy for them to be part of this event.

DESCRIPTIVE WRITING

The Dragon Slayer

It was a cold and windy night as the dragon slayer approached on his horse. His silver chest plate clinked with each move he made. The dragon slayer could hear the rustling leaves, swaying back and forth by the howling wind. He travelled all night until he reached the scorching desert of Death (You're practically a goner if you travel there).

The dragon slayer could see a dragon in the distance so he galloped towards it. The scaly green dragon sensed that the dragon slayer was coming so it stood to its fullest height. The dragon breathed out hot, boiling fire but the dragon slayer had his fireproof shield at the ready to block it off.

The dragon spiky claws nearly sliced the dragon slayer in half but he dodged it for dear life. The dragon became envious of his skills so it roared in rage.

The ferocious beast breathed out once more but it was blocked again!



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