

# 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  
Thalia Morunga

## PERSUASIVE WRITING

I strongly believe that polluting our water ways will cause massive devastation and destruction to certain ecosystems. Plastic acids. Sometimes the plastic can cause acids and kill sea life. As you probably know all the rubbish that you drop is another threat to our beautiful oceans.

In a few years times it might endanger sea life. For example there is a little turtle peacefully swimming in the ocean looking for food, then comes across a piece of plastic. Thinking its food it will most likely swallow it and try to cough it up but its no use.

Where does the rubbish end up?

Most rubbish goes to the dump but some other pieces go to the sea which we don't want. Rubbish also effects sea life and it's very sad to see what it does to them.

We all must stop the pollution that's going on in our world. We want to have a safe and healthy environment.

By Erika Hamilton



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Have a go - Make a short movie** - Entries are invited for the 2018 Northland Short Film Competition. There are two main Categories FICTION and NON FICTION. There are two main divisions OPEN and SCHOOL AGE with a Special Division for PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE children. The overall Prize Money is \$3000. Entries Close on 30 September 2018. There is NO Entry Fee, but entries MUST be on the official Entry Form. Further information from the ANZAC Theatre phone 09 439 8997 www.anzacthetre.co.nz or email: admin@anzacthetre.co.nz

## SPORT NORTHLAND

SPORTS NUTRITION

SMART SWAPS

FOR SPORT

Lollies

Scroggin

Sports Drinks

Water with fruit

Chocolate bar

Half banana or sandwich

Pie

Wrap



20 Sept - Ruakaka's got Talent  
26 Sept - Te Whānau Harakeke Whānau hui, venue to be confirmed  
28 Sept - Last day term 3

## NETBALL SPONSOR



## Quote of the week

*I am among those who think that Science has great beauty. A Scientist in his laboratory is not only a technician: he is also a child placed before natural phenomena which impress him like a fairytale. -*

MARIE CURRIE

## TERM DATES 2018

Term3 - 23 July to 28 September  
Term 4 - 15 October to 14 December

## TERM DATES 2019

Term 1 - 30 Jan to 12 Apr  
Term 2 - 29 Apr to 5 July  
Term 3 - 22 July to 27 Sept  
Term 4 - 14 Oct to 12 Dec

# RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



13th September 2018

## 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

*E koekoe te tūi, e ketekete te kākā, e kūkū te kereru*

*By appreciating all our voices, our different songs, we make good music for the future.*

Tena koutou katoa

This week is Māori Language week and the theme for it this year is: 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori', which means 'Let's make the Māori language strong'. We are proud of the way our staff and tamariki embrace this language as it is an official language of New Zealand and there is talk in the political world of it becoming compulsory to teach it in all New Zealand schools in the future. We are way ahead on this with Māori language being very much an integral part of everything we do at Ruakaka School.



## MAHI SHOW

We were lucky

enough to have the Mahi Pai Taniwha show visit our school yesterday. Mahi Pai Taniwha characters promote the revitalisation of te reo Māori in Aotearoa using fun and exciting ways to learn te reo Māori and New Zealand Sign Language. Their performance was filled with dance, kapa haka, hip hop and funk music promoting different days of the week, weather and months of the year in te reo Māori. Tamariki loved dancing and singing along with the Taniwha characters. It was absolutely amazing. Thank you to Lisa Minhinnick and her Taniwha crew!!

**We love to learn together**  
**Ka aroha tātou ki te ako tahi**



### TALENT QUEST

We are very excited because next Thursday 20th September is our Talent Quest. The competitors are very busy practising and the teams are getting their items polished to go on stage.

If you haven't got your tickets yet, these are available at the office. As our school has grown so much we have a lot more whanau to fit in so it is going to be 'first in, first served'. There is a limit on the number of people we are allowed in the auditorium.

Kapa Haka children need to be there at 5.00pm. All other children need to be there at 5:30pm so they can be seated in class lines ready for a 6.00pm start.

Tickets are still available at the office and they are \$2 each. You do not need to purchase a ticket for any of your children performing and under 5 year olds are free, if sitting on your lap.

### ASSESSMENTS

This is always a busy time of the year as teachers work with your children to see the progress they have made since they were last assessed. I am hearing some wonderful stories of achievement.

### SHINE

We are doing such a great job with our values: Showing Respect, Being Helpful, Including others, Never giving up and being super Environmental Guardians that we are also going to focus on behaviour matrices (expected behaviours) to zoom in on areas we can improve. We have a matrix for all settings, the values we expect everywhere! Our current focus is on appropriate bus line and bus behaviour. We hope to hear great things from the bus drivers!



## Ruakākā School

### BUSES BEHAVIOUR MATRIX



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<p>Listen to the instructions of the bus driver and the bus monitors</p> <p>Sit with your bag on your lap</p> <p>Keep your legs in front of the seat (avoid having your legs in the aisle)</p> <p>Talk only to the people close to you</p> <p>Talk quietly (avoid distracting the bus driver)</p>	<p>Buddy up with younger students (teina) or new students (akonga hou)</p> <p>Help young and new students remember their stop</p> <p>Help to kindly remind others of our expected behaviours inside the buses</p>	<p>Sit nicely with the people around you</p>	<p>Try hard to SHINE when you are on the bus</p>	<p>Check that you have picked up all of your belongings before leaving the bus</p> <p>Avoid eating on the bus</p> <p>Treat the bus like a classroom - keep it neat and tidy!</p>

### SHOW DAY

If your child is bringing an animal to show day, their entry form should be in, if they haven't returned it yet, please return it to the office before the end of term. We aren't allowing calves this year but lambs and goats are allowed and caged animals. **If you have cups from last year, please return these to the office asap.**

Teachers will send notices out soon about the classroom items that they are doing this year.

### ORGANISATION 2019

If your children are not returning to Ruakaka School in 2019, please let us know as soon as possible as we will be sorting out classes very soon and this helps us if we know accurate numbers at each year level. If your child is currently in one of our bilingual classes, we will assume that you wish them to remain there in 2019 unless we hear any different. The group that are in Whaea Wiki's class will continue total immersion in 2019.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are only offering pies \$2.50 and muffins \$2.00 on a Monday and Tuesday. We are unable to source Juicies and Moosies from a company that deliver so this have been removed from our menu. There are **NO LUNCH ORDERS ON WEDNESDAYS**. Lunches online is still be available on Thursday and Friday, order online at [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

### BUILDING UPDATE

Apart from 2 days of rain this week, we have had great weather for our building project. The exciting news is that the roof is currently going on. There is still a lot of work to be done but these builders are doing a great job.

### TOYS\OBJECTS FROM HOME

We are having an increase of toys and special objects coming to school from home. These are causing issues as toys get lost, broken, misplaced or traded. It is taking up valuable staff time to sort out issues around toys. Please keep toys at home, we appreciate your help in this matter.

### DISABILITY PARKING

We are still having trouble with people parking in our disability car park! We realise that at times it is tempting to park here as our carpark is often full. We have re-painted the yellow lines, have purchased a new disability sign and placed cones around the outside edge.

This parking is designated for the Ritchies taxi mobility van and for whanau that have mobility parking cards. Unless you have a mobility parking sticker please don't park here at any time. A question to ask yourself is, would you park in a disability carpark in town?

