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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

JUNIOR SCHOOL PROJECTS



Last term, the junior team were busy with projects to enhance the school. R1 created a rock garden around the playhouses. R2 made our buddy bench. R 9 &10 created our mud kitchen and mosaic SHINE letters.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bream Bay College PTA - Tides out fun run and walk, 5km or 10km. Sunday 4th Nov 2018 @ Ruakaka Surf Club 9.30am start. Enter online: www.breambaycollege.school.nz or contact Maree 027 459 5618, Sharon 027 265 3227. All entries received before 29th Oct go in the draw for a pair of running shoes from Smiths Sports Shoes.

SPORT NORTHLAND

BREAKFAST IDEAS

BREAKFAST SWAPS

Try these quick and easy swaps!

1. Nutrigrain to Weetbix with low fat milk and fruit
2. Coco Pops to porridge with low fat milk and fruit
3. White bread for wholegrain bread

These easy changes are lower in sugar, higher in fibre and better for your body too!

TERM 4

26 Oct - BBC talking to Year 6 children
30 Oct - Pizza and Play Reward Day
2 Nov - Book Character Dress Up Day
8 Nov - Junior Athletics
9 Nov - Senior Athletics
13 Nov - Proposed Teacher Strike Day
20 Nov - VIP Morning Tea
21 Nov - Bus Monitor's Pool Trip
22 Nov - Interschool's Athletics
10 Dec - Proposed Y6 Graduation Dinner
11 Dec - Prizegiving
14 Dec - Last day of year

NETBALL SPONSOR



Quote of the week

Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.
Fred Rogers

TERM DATES 2018

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



25th October 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

What a change in weather we have had this week. I hope you all enjoyed your long weekend of beautiful weather and were able to get out amongst it. We had a great show day on Friday and it was wonderful to see all the effort children put into their creations. There was lots of time and effort put into the lambs that were shown on the day. Wasn't the hat parade fantastic!! It was difficult for the judges to pick a winner so well done to everyone who created a hat.

HAT PARADE WINNERS



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

SHINE

Our children have been working hard on filling our SHINE containers with tokens to reach our goal for pizza and play. We are nearly reached our target and will hold our reward day on Tuesday 30 October. Children will all receive 1 piece of pizza (Gluten free and vegetarian option included) and an extra long play. Still pack lunch for your children on this day as they will only get 1 piece of pizza.



SLIP, SLOP, SLAP AND WRAP

Just a reminder that all children are to wear a hat during this term – preferably one with a wide brim. We also encourage them to apply sunscreen before they come to school and with Athletics Sports coming up, they will be out in the sun most days. If your child doesn't have a hat on they will be directed to play in the shade.

SWIMMING

As you have probably guessed, we will not be able to use the swimming pool before the Christmas holidays due to the new building, but we should be up and running to start next year.

THANK YOU

We need to say a huge thank you to everyone that helped us get our bikes back on the track!! Avanti Plus for giving us a great deal on the parts, the wonderful ladies and gentlemen from Ruakaka Lions Club and Kev from bikes in schools for fixing the bikes. Also thanks to Jan Peck and Tom Greig from North Tugs for the huge cable reel for the children to use for hut creating. We appreciate all the support that we receive.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We aim to hold this on the evening of the 10th of December but are waiting to confirm a venue which is never easy in Ruakaka. We will let you know the confirmed details as soon as we know.

TEACHER'S STRIKE

As part of further industrial action from teachers, there is a proposed rolling strike which is being voted on at the moment. The date for the Whangarei area is Tuesday 13th of November. We will know early next week if this is to proceed and we will let you know as soon as we know.



LOST PROPERTY

Term 4 sees a lot of layers coming off and clothes being dropped and forgotten. If you would like your children's clothes to be returned to them when this happens, please name them. First names with last initial or last names are much easier to return than initials only. We will be sending all lost/found property to the Salvation Army at the end of the term so please come and see if any of it belongs to your child next time you are in the school. Thank you for your help in this matter.

BUILDING UPDATE

The builders are on track to get our new building completed to start 2019. The deck did not get done during the holidays due to a change in planning, but this will start very soon.

In the meantime, you will see a new deck being built soon which will connect the staffroom deck with the deck outside Room 1. This will allow easier access around the school – particularly for anything with wheels on.

We will be losing the old portacom at the end of the year but will have a new temporary classroom put behind Room 6. Watch this space.

ATHLETICS SPORTS

We are all busy practising for our upcoming Athletics Sports. Because the school is so much bigger now, we need to split the junior and senior school and hold 2 different events. This year, only children who are 8 on the 22nd of November will be eligible to attend the interschool sports at Waipu Primary. There will be no 7 year olds going to Waipu this year.

The Junior Athletic Sports will be held on Thursday the 8th of November and will be for all children who are 7 years old or younger on the 22nd of November.

The Senior Athletics sports will be held on Friday the 9th November and will be for all children who are 8 or older as at the 22nd of November.

The Interschool sports will be held at Waipu on the 22nd of November.

ORGANISATION 2019

As we are now looking at the organisation for 2019, please let us know if your children will not be returning to Ruakaka School next year, or if you have 5 year olds starting at any time throughout the year, or if you know of any new families moving into our zone next year. It really helps if we have all of this information. If your child is in a bilingual class and you do not wish them to be included in bilingual next year, we need to know this as soon as possible as they have first priority in these classes. If you would like to discuss the option of being in a bilingual class next year, please come down and talk to us sooner rather than later as numbers are limited in these classes and there are some criteria we will discuss with you.

PRIZEGIVING

This will be held on Tuesday 11th of December at Bream Bay College at 12.00pm so mark this date in your diary. As usual, there will be many children receiving awards so it would be great to have as many of you along as possible. It's always a great way to end the year. Please return any trophies to the office as soon as possible as we need to get them ready.