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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
Harper Staite

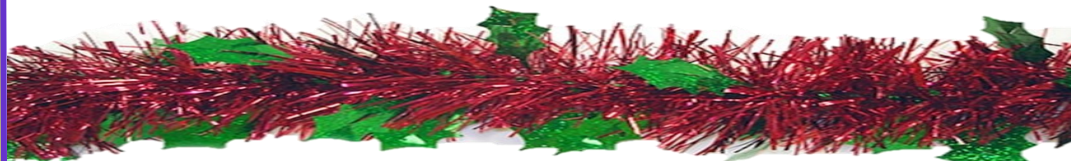
COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE Tutukaka & Taupo Bay Holiday Surf Programme -

We're running our popular FREE Holiday Surf Programme on the Tutukaka Coast and Taupo Bay over the summer holidays. This programme is a funded activity, and is free for children aged 11-17yrs who school in the area. All children aged 6-10 years are welcome to book in to the programme at a cost of \$150 for the week. The surf programme aims to teach not only the fundamentals of how to surf but how to enjoy the water in safe manner, teaching water safety, surf etiquette and hazard awareness. In addition we have heaps of fun playing some beach games making loads of new friends! O'Neill Surf Academy NZ, p 09 4343843, m 0277344877, e simon@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz

Salvation Army - Available to help with budgeting, BYOD devices, school camps and sports fees. Contact them at 3 Aubrey Street in Whangarei, on 0800 854 009, whangarei.loans@salvationarmy.org.nz or www.salvationarmy.org.nz

NHHD Free School Holiday Programme - Wk1 17/12/18 to 21/12/18, Wk2 14/1/19 to 18/1/19, Wk3 21/1/19 to 25/1/19, 9am to 1pm daily at Whangarei Intermediate, they cater for children from ages 8 to 13 years. As part of their funding, your child will participate in 1 hours Hip Hop Dance training plus set activities for each day of the programme including arts and crafts, sports. Register your child today at <https://goo.gl/forms/VkEXNz2L5KhyTZPW2>



SPORT NORTHLAND

SUPER SUMMER SALADS

RICE SALAD

- 1 cup rice
- 2 celery stalks - chopped
- 1 small capsicum - chopped
- 1 can corn kernels - drained
- ½ red onion - chopped
- ½ cup sultanas
- 2 Tbsp. oil
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp. white vinegar
- pepper to taste

Cook rice as per packet instructions. Add rice, celery, capsicum, corn, onions and sultanas to a bowl. Combine oil, lemon juice and vinegar by whisking in a bowl or shaking in a jar. Pour over rice mixture then toss to combine.



7 Dec - School Wide Fun Day, here at school, water fun, bouncing castles, pre-schoolers and whanau invited.

10 Dec - Y6 Graduation Dinner, 6pm, Ruakaka Tavern Restaurant

11 Dec - Prizegiving 11:30 am to 1:30pm, BBC auditorium

13 Dec - last day for After School Care

14 Dec - Last day of year, 12 noon finish

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Quote of the week

If you don't have the time to read, you don't have the time or the tools to write. - Stephen King

TERM DATES 2018

Term 4 - 15 October to 14 December finish at 12

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



Ruakākā School Newsletter



6th December 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

Nā tō rourou, nā tāku rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.

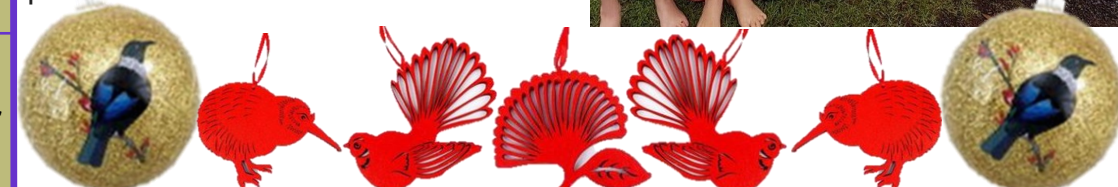
With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive.

Tena koutou katoa

This is the last formal newsletter for the year.

We have had another amazing year and thank you to all of you for your continued support. We are going to really need you all next year, March 23rd, for our Gala Day. Please mark this on your calendar. We will need all the help we can get. I think one of the highlights for me was the opening of Room 6 – the ray of sunshine! It has also been great watching the new multi-purpose/library take shape and this should be completed by the start of the year. We will organise a grand opening once we get back. I have also loved the play-based learning in the junior school and am able to see it in action as it is right next to my office. The teachers and the children have loved it.

We are so excited to have a Sharing Shed outside our gate. Please take what you need and if you have surplus, place it inside the shed.



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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our chairman James McCullough after 5 years service, will resigned from his position on the board at the end of this year. We would like to thank James for all his hard work and support over the years. Henry Coll has stepped up to the Chairperson position until Board elections early next year. Please think about standing for our Board next year - this is a great opportunity for you to have a real impact on the future of the school and the direction that it's headed.

SCHOOL FUN DAY

Tomorrow, Friday the 7th December, is our School fun day, this is to celebrate the fantastic shining year our children have had. It is being held at School and there will be lots of exciting activities. There will be sports, games, egg and spoon races, bouncy castles and face painting. You and your pre-schoolers are welcome to join in the fun for all or part of the day. Please remember that children will need togs and a towel, a change of clothes, lots of food and water, sunscreen and a hat. If your child doesn't have a hat they will have to play in the shade



30 JANUARY 2019 - TERM 1 STARTS

School starts on Wednesday 30th January 2019. This is just a plea to you all to remember the day we expect all children to start school next year – **Wednesday, 30th January**. Every year we have some families who do not return until the next week, or after Waitangi Day or even later and this makes it so difficult for not only your child to fit into the classroom dynamics, but also for staff as so much important information is given out in the first few days, friendships are established, groupings are decided on, and routines are explained. Thank you for your help with this.

PRIZEGIVING

Please note the earlier time for the start of our prizegiving, due to availability of buses. Please be seated by 11:15 am for a 11.30 am start and we expect to be finished by 1:30 pm. Children will have their bags with them, please let the classroom teacher know if you are taking them home.

BOOK AMNESTY

It is that time of the year that we ask for all of our readers and school books to be returned to school please. Teachers in charge of this area are working on it on Monday afternoon and would all books returned before that. Please either drop them off at the office or send in to the class teacher with your child. Thank you for your help with this.

RKG MUSIC STUDENT SHOWCASE

Year 5 student Aria Armstrong performed at the RKG Music Student Showcase recently, which was held at the Bruce Ritchie Performing Arts Centre in Auckland. Aria shared the stage with a host of kids from around Auckland and Northland. She performed alongside well known musicians including Suzanne Lynch, Paul Dunningham and Bream Bay locals, and music teachers Rob and Karla Galley. At the end of the event, Aria was awarded a trophy for Effort and Improvement in Ukulele. Well done Aria!!



TAKAHIWAI MARAE

I tērā wiki, i haere mātou Te Whānau Harakeke ki te marae o Takahiwai. Last week, Te Whānau Harakeke went to Takahiwai marae. Our big kaupapa for our noho was 'Kia kaha ki te kōrero Māori' (Try hard to speak Māori all the time). We had lots of fun making harakeke ika (flax fish) and poi, doing mahi toi (art) with Matua Marino and even got to play on a whare pekepeke (bouncy castle). He mihi nui ki ngā kaiāwhina katoa! A huge thank you to all our helpers that helped to make our noho mīharo (amazing)!



DENTAL CLINIC

We will be coming to your school in our mobile dental truck on Monday 10th December. Our last day will be Friday 21 December and we will re open on Monday 14 January 2019. If you would like to contact us please phone 0800 698 3384. We will be contacting you to make appointments over the holidays and then when school resumes, we will see the children from school who we have consent for. Please contact us if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing you, Karen Dental Therapist

RUAKAKA CHRISTMAS PARADE

We are entering the Ruakaka Christmas Parade on the 15th December and we are wondering if anyone could donate some ply wood for our float please. We also need to know if your children would be keen to be on our float on the day. If you can donate ply wood, or have children keen to be on the float, please text Mania on 021 220 3040 so they can organise costumes. Thank you very much.

RUAKAKA STORYTIME

Storytime at Ruakaka Library. Four Fridays from 11 January to 1st February 2019 at 10:30 am. Take your children along and enjoy books being read to them.