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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

NETBALL

Netball practises are starting on Tuesday 13th from 2:30 to 3:30pm. Please notify the office (a note or phone call from the parent/caregiver) if your child is staying, for bus changes or afterschool care arrangements. Someone needs to be at school to collect your child at 3:30pm.

Coaches will be needed for each team, if you are interested in coaching and can attend on Tuesday afternoon please do so, otherwise let school know.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on the morning of Tuesday the 13th of March. Order forms have been sent home and you can either fill these out and return to school with the correct amount or you can order online. Orders need to be completed and paid by Monday the 12th of March. Enquiries to Liz at photos@lizdaviesphotography.co.nz or 027 457 1151. Order online at www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are having trouble sourcing food from our suppliers for school lunches. Some times we run out of items so we have to substitute them with another option. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We are currently investigating online options and hope this will help.

Waipu Rugby Squash Club Junior rally 2018 - Thursday 8th March and Thursday 15th March, 5-6 pm upstairs in the clubroom.
Grades U7 (Rippa) U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14.
Contact Dylan Jones 021 366960 or Lisa Jones 021 1630237

SPORT NORTHLAND

EGGY BREAD

- 1 egg
- ¼ cup low fat milk
- ½ tsp. of vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. low fat spread
- 2 pieces of wholegrain bread

Beat egg, milk and vanilla in a bowl. Dunk bread into mixture until completely covered. In a pan over a low heat, melt spread. Cook bread on both sides until golden. Enjoy with slices of fruit and a dollop of yoghurt!



Developed by Sport Whikato 2017



8th Mar - Senior
Swimming Sports

14th Mar - PAID UNION
MEETING, Buses run at
12:15pm

15th Mar - Interschools
Swimming Sports at
Bream Bay College

16th Mar - Interschools
Swimming Sports
Postponement Date

17th Mar - Pukapuka
Party at Village Green,
10:30 til :30

27th - 29th Mar -
Bilingual Camp

30th Mar - Good Friday,
No School

2nd April - Easter
Monday, No School

3rd April - Easter
Tuesday, No School

13th April - Last day of
term

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1 - 30 January to
13 April

Term 2 - 30 April to 6
July

Term 3 - 23 July to 28
September

Term 4 - 15 October to
13 December

RUAKAKA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



8th March 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

Ko te reo te tuakiri

Language is my identity

Ko te reo tōku ahurei

Language is my uniqueness

Ko te reo te ora

Language is life

Tena koutou katoa

Finally some progress has been made on our building. The fences have been put up and the play houses shifted to make room for the new building.



More words of wisdom

*If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head.
If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.*

Nelson Mandela

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

PAID UNION MEETING

On **Wednesday 14th March** there is a paid union meeting for all teaching staff at 1.30pm at Hora Hora School. There will be limited supervision available for the afternoon and buses will run at **12:15pm**. Please let the school know if you require your child to be supervised until 2:30pm. There will be no buses running at 2:30pm so you will be required to collect your child from school.

After school care will continue as usual.

WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON

We had so much fun last year at the Weetbix Tryathlon that we thought this year we would enter a school team. This is for ages 7+. So far we have 9 entered, we need a team of 15 if possible, to be eligible for the prizes. Early bird entries close on 8th March but registrations don't close on 2nd April.

Held on the 8th April 2018 at the Waitangi Treaty Ground, Bay of Islands

DISTANCES FOR AGE 7 (APPROX.)

Swim 50m, Cycle 4km, Run 1.5km

DISTANCES FOR AGES 8-10 (APPROX.)

Swim 100m, Cycle 4km, Run 1.5km

DISTANCES FOR AGES 11-15 (APPROX.)

Swim 200m, Cycle 8km, Run 1.5km

Every participant receives a medal, certificate of achievement, tryathlon t-shirt, swim bag and swimming cap, breakfast on the day and the chance to win spot prizes.

Our school registration details are:

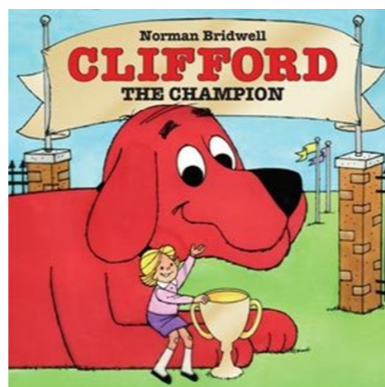
<https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/33/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/1688c7fa-395d-4811-8546-7a85b1175eae>

Early bird registration closes on the 8th of March. Any questions- please contact Jo Irvine on joannei@ruakaka.school.nz or phone the office.

PUKAPUKA PARTY

We are very excited to be part of the Pukapuka Party again this year. This is an event which is organised by some amazing volunteers in our community and is designed to support Literacy in the Bream Bay community. This group is called the Bream Bay Learning Community and we have invited them to be part of our Bream Bay Kahui Ako which is very exciting.

It is a free event and the children will be given a passport to fill in as they complete each of the activities. They will then receive a goodies pack to take home. We would love to see as many of you as possible at the Village Green from 10.30 – 1.30 on Saturday the 17th of March.



BUILDING UPDATE

YES! We have building consent from the council to proceed with Room 12! We are hoping to have the room ready to use at the beginning of next term but cannot guarantee this with winter coming on.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Today we held our senior swimming sports at Bream Bay College even though the weather wasn't the best and it was great to see just how hard all the children swam. It is all about participation and for those children who are not confident swimmers, that pool can seem very big!

It was great to see so many of you there to support your children and thank you to those of you who put your hand up to help with the day.

We will be selecting our interschool team from today's sports and if your child is selected, they will receive a note about this over the next couple of days.

The interschool swimming sports will be held at Bream Bay College on Thursday the 15th of March and the postponement date is the 16th.

BILINGUAL UPDATE

Due to demand, we have 4 bilingual classes this year which are currently full and we have a waiting list for other whanau who wish their tamariki to be part of this programme. This is the first year we have included Year 1 children in our bilingual programmes at the request of the community.

The Ministry of Education puts a very strong emphasis on what schools are providing not only for our Māori learners, but all learners. I have taken a statement from their website which I would like to share with you which may help you all to understand why we put such importance on bilingual education for our students and why we choose to be an inclusive school.

“Evidence shows that improvement in two areas will make the most powerful difference to Māori students' educational success:

Strong engagement and contribution from students, parents and whānau, hapū, iwi, Māori organisations, communities and businesses have a strong influence on students' success.

Māori students' learning is strengthened when education professionals include a role for parents and whānau, hapū, iwi, Māori organisations, communities and businesses in learning and teaching.”

EASTER RAFFLE

We love this fundraiser! This week you should have received a notice about our Easter raffle asking for donations of Easter goodies to be used in the prizes. Thank you to those of you who have already sent these along to the office. You will also be receiving raffle tickets very shortly. We ask that the children return the books and the money to school as soon as they are sold. If you would like more tickets, there will be some available in the office. All books must be returned to school regardless of whether they have been sold or not. Please don't allow your children to go door knocking in the community unless you know the people. We want to keep our children safe.

CARPARK

We continue to have issues in our carpark. A couple of reminders – for our children's safety, please do not park on the yellow lines or in the Disabled Parking area. We are going to be replacing the front gates very soon so hopefully access will be easier for us all. I am still working with the Ministry to upgrade our carpark but because it is on Council land, this is not proving to be easy.