

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

NEW ROOM 1

This year we have started our 12th classroom and at the end of last year most classrooms changed rooms. Room 1 is our New Entrant room and they have fabulous new furniture to help with their learning.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Circool Circus – weekly classes commence Friday 9th of February Coronation Hall Waipu, 3.15-4.15pm for primary students, age 5-11. Contact Achmed 02102777294

SPORT NORTHLAND

BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST

Breakfast is
the best way
to kickstart
our brain
and provides
energy to start
each day!



Developed by Sport Waikato 2017



19th - 21st Feb - Room
11 + 12 Camp

21st - 23rd Feb - Room
13 + 14 Camp

1st Mar - Senior
Swimming Sports at
Bream Bay College

8th Mar - Senior
Swimming Sports
Postponement date

15th Mar - Interschools
Swimming Sports at
Bream Bay College

16th Mar - Interschools
Swimming Sports
Postponement Date

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 February 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.

Tena koutou katoa

Welcome back everyone to our 2018 school year and a special welcome if you are new whanau. I hope your tamariki have enjoyed their first few days and have made some friends already. Please keep in touch with us and let us know how your child is getting on and if you have any concerns.

ACTIVPANELS



Over the holidays, we installed 12 new Activpanels into all of our classrooms. These panels are interactive, natural daylight is no longer an issues and lesson content is visible from the widest of angles, making learning easier. Our children are loving the new learning experiences these panels give. These panels are expected to last 12 years and we are the first school in Northland to outfit their school.

A huge thank you has to go to the Board of Trustees for having the vision to help future proof our school and to finance this investment for our children.

Whakatauki (proverb) of the Week

*Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, Engari taku toa he toa takitini.
My achievements are not mine alone, they are the achievements of many.*

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

CARPARKING

As our school grows, the carpark just gets more and more crowded. This has been particularly obvious this year as we have a bigger staff and many of you have been dropping off or picking up your children. Our roll has also grown significantly over the past few years and so I have been working with the Ministry to see if we can find a solution to this.

I would ask that when you come to the school, please avoid parking on the yellow lines – particularly the disabled carpark area and the ones on the edge of our carpark and Sandford Road.

We are now using much bigger buses and the drivers are having real problems turning the buses in the bus turn-around area opposite our carpark so please keep this area clear in the mornings and afternoons when the buses are operating.



SWIMMING

All classes are back into their swimming lessons and all children are expected to swim every day unless they bring a note from home to say that they are sick or have open wounds. Swimming caps must be worn and are available for \$5 at the office.

SWIMMING SPORTS

The senior school swimming sports will be held at Bream Bay College on the 1st of March (postponement date is 8th March). You will receive a note home about this over the next few days. We will need parent help with timing races on the day.

The interschool swimming sports are on the 15th March (postponement 16th March). More information about this will come home after our swimming sports day and if your child is selected to represent our school.

STATIONERY

Thank you to everyone who has paid for or organised payment for stationery for your children. It is important that all children have their stationery as soon as possible.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If you require After School Care to a different day than your child is booked for, or if you want to book your child into after school care, please make sure your contact the office by 2pm. We need to organise staff and need time to do this.

GARDEN TO TABLE

We are endeavouring to continue with this wonderful programme with our senior classes, even though space is an issue. We plan to cook in classrooms or to use our pizza oven.

BUILDING UPDATE

We were hoping to see builders on site when we returned to school last week, but we are still waiting for Building Consent from the Council. This classroom should be underway over the next couple of weeks. At the moment the senior bilingual class are working in the staffroom and our staffroom is the portacom on the court area. We are trying to be patient - thank goodness it is summer.

CAMP

There are 3 camps coming up very soon, Camp 1 - Rooms 13 + 14, Camp 2 - Rooms 11 + 12, and Camp 3 - Bilingual unit. Notices have already been sent home about these camps and need to be returned to school asap. If you are paying for camp online, please use the camp 1, 2 or 3 as the code and your child's name as the reference, thank you.

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

The school cell phone number is: 021 0233 2267

Drop off \ Pick up time

Please remember that children are not allowed to be dropped off at school before 8:10am. Teachers use the time before school to setup for the day and are unable to supervise children before this time.

Just a reminder that school finish time is 2:30 pm, please make sure you are here on time to pick up your child on time as we don't always have staff available to supervise.

Absentees

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please let the office know. If we do not hear from you, the Ministry requires us to mark your child as truant.

Bus Changes

Please make bus changes before 2pm to help prevent bell time chaos.

Front Gate

The Front gate is proving to be a bit of a hassle at the moment. If you come into the school between 8:30 am and 2:30 pm, the long gate (on the left hand side facing the office) will be locked as we have a child who is able to open the gate.

The tall gate has 2 latches on it, which you need to open together, one on top and one on the inside of the gate. This is difficult when you have items in your hands and we ask that you have patience with this situation as we look for a solution to this problem, thank you.