

# NORTHPINE GROWING STRONGER

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## FACEBOOK PAGE

We have a school Facebook page which is controlled by a group of administrators. It is lovely to see just how many followers we have and all the positive comments we receive on here. Check in and join the group.

## SHINE VALUES

We love to SHINE here at school and we encourage of all of our children to SHINE at home too.

Respect is one of our values that we constantly remind children about - are you reinforcing this for us at home by insisting on good manner and that children speak kindly to each other?

<p>Use good manners</p> <p>Use kind words</p> <p>Be prepared for learning</p> <p>Be on time</p> <p>Be honest</p> <p>Listen to the Speaker</p> <p>Look after property (your own, others and school property)</p> <p>Walk on decks and around corners</p> <p>Ask the teacher if you need to leave the room</p> <p>Greet all people nicely (Visitors, Teachers and Peers)</p>	S
<p>Help others with things that you are good at</p> <p>Use your initiative</p> <p>Look out for others</p> <p>Encourage others</p> <p>Be a leader and a role model</p> <p>Help to kindly remind others of expected behaviours at Ruakaka School</p>	H
<p>Be kind and caring to all people</p> <p>Welcome new people (Visitors, staff, students)</p> <p>Take care of others</p> <p>Accept others</p> <p>Actively include others in all activities</p> <p>Respect and celebrate other people's cultures</p> <p>Be understanding of other people's differences</p>	I
<p>Believe in yourself</p> <p>Learn from your mistakes</p> <p>Try your best</p> <p>Challenge yourself</p> <p>Try new things</p> <p>Strive for excellence</p> <p>Try hard to SHINE in all areas</p>	N
<p>Have nude food lunch boxes</p> <p>Put your rubbish (food scraps, paper, milk cartons, etc) in the right bin</p> <p>Help to keep our school beautiful by picking up rubbish if you see it (even if it may not be yours)</p> <p>Turn lights off when they aren't needed</p> <p>Think about ways to help look after our environment</p> <p>Be mindful of what you consume - are you creating unnecessary waste? (paper, food wrappings, etc)</p>	E



6 Sept - Teacher only day - no children at school  
16 to 20 Sept - Book Week  
18 Sept - Grandperson \ special person reading  
18 Sept - Garden to Table Café open  
19 Sept - Book Character Dress Up Day  
27 Sept - End of Term 3  
14 Oct - Start of Term 4

## Daffodil day

is tomorrow. We have daffodils at the office for a gold coin donation. All money raised goes to the Cancer Society, please support this wonderful cause.



## Quote of the week

*Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm*  
Winston Churchill

## TERM DATES 2019

Term 3 - 22 July to 27 Sept

Term 4 - 14 Oct to 12 Dec

## TERM DATES 2020

Term 1 - 3 February to 9 April

Term 2 - 28-April to 3 July

Term 3 - 20 July to 25 Sept

Term 4 - 12 October to 15 Dec

# Ruakākā School Newsletter



29th August 2019

## 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

**Mā te whakaaro nui e hang ate whare; mā te mātauranga e whakaū.**  
*Big ideas create the house; knowledge maintains it.*

Tēna koutou katoa

Spring is in the air! It is great to have longer days and to see the sun out. We are over half way through the third term so things will certainly be getting busy from now until the end of the year. There are lots of dates coming up over the next few weeks so we have included a calendar for you to put onto your fridge for pre-planning at such a busy time.

The Junior Team have been learning about native birds. We were lucky enough to go to Kiwi North last week to learn all about the Kiwi's habitat and predators. Below is a picture of how predator's are captured in traps, Terry is helping to show how the predators get caught. The children loved watching the Kiwi run around inside the enclosure!



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



### TREE PLANTING

Room 11 and 12 were extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to plant native trees in our community this week. We were invited to join some children from One Tree Point school to be part of this initiative sponsored by Fonterra and supported by the Whangarei Regional Council and the Drains to Harbour facilitators. We spent Wednesday morning at Halse's farm and together we planted 550 Native trees along the banks of the Ruakaka River. This was an amazing initiative to be part of regenerating our environment and we all enjoyed the hard work. We would especially like to acknowledge our Teacher Aides Nolan and Debbie and our wonderful parent helpers who made this possible, The complimentary barbecue provided by Fonterra was definitely the highlight at the end of it! Jo Statham



### ATTENDANCE

We have just received our attendance report for Term 2, 2019. It highlighted just how many of our children are being marked as 'Truant' because we have been given no justified reason for their absence. Another concern was just how many children have 'long' weekends - Mondays and Fridays are the days with the poorest attendance. Please ensure your child attends school every day (except when they are sick). It makes a significant difference to their learning progress. Thank you.

### HALL PARKING

We have had a request from the hall committee that we don't park in the hall carpark when they hold their meetings. They meet on the third Thursday of each month. It would be fabulous if you could help us with this matter. Thank you.

### TEACHER ONLY DAY

We are holding a teacher only day on Friday 6th September. This is for staff to undertake professional development.

**There will be no school for children on this day**

### SHOW DAY - 18 OCTOBER

We haven't received any entries for Lambs or Goats so far. The animal entry forms have been sent home, if you need another one please contact the office, The forms need to be in by 27 of September.

Just a reminder that we will not be having calves again this year due to the outbreak of Mycoplasma-bovis in New Zealand. Lambs and goats need to be born after 1 July this year. If you have cups from last year, please return these to the office asap.

### STEAM

You have probably heard this word around a lot lately. One of our achievement challenges for the Bream Bay Kāhui Ako is around STEAM. The children are taking part in many STEAM activities in their classrooms. This is what STEAM is:

- **Science** - describing and explaining the natural physical world
- **Technology** - the tools we use to enable work – digital, mechanical, thinking – problem solving
- **Engineering** - the man made built world the result of identifying and solving problems of human needs (and wants!)
- **Arts** - The arts are a natural part of STEAM work. Products and structures are built according to creative designs.
- **Mathematics** - Mathematics is the language of science and engineering – enables precision (calculation, position, scale, measurement...)

### BUS BEHAVIOUR

This week it came to my attention that the behaviour of some of our children on the buses – particularly the Village bus and the Beach bus, has been unacceptable. I removed one child from the bus for a week as a result of this and spoke to several others – plus the whole school before they got onto the buses earlier this week.

Could you please help us by talking to your children about acceptable behaviour on our buses. It is a privilege for them to travel on the bus and the safety of all on board is compromised when children are yelling, climbing over seats, fighting, and getting out of their seats. It is so hard for our drivers to concentrate on such a busy highway and on some of our narrow rural roads. Your child will be removed from the bus if their behaviour is not what is expected. There is also to be no eating on the bus as the drivers should not have to clean up leftover food. All children sign a Bus Contract at this school and so they need to be reminded about this.

Thank you for your support with this. Getting your children home safely is our top priority.