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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

SECOND CLEANER REQUIRED

Due to the growth of our school, we require another cleaner for 2.5 hours per day during term time and 10 hours per week during school holidays. Hours of work are 3.15pm – 5.45pm, Monday to Friday. The successful applicant will be responsible for lock up and needs to have a clean police check. Please send a letter of application and CV to the Principal, Mrs Marilyn Dunn by 21st Feb 2019.

STATIONERY

Thank you so much to all of you who have managed to pay for your children's stationery. If you are having difficulty with this, please come and see me and we will work something out.

SWIMMING POOL

We still don't have a date for the swimming pool to open but we will let you know as soon as we do – hopefully over the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, remember to send togs and a towel along to school each day and classes will have a cooling off activity in their swimming time when they can.

SUNSAFE SCHOOL

We are a sunsafe school which means the children must wear a hat to school every day - particularly in terms 1 and 4, and preferably a wide-brimmed hat. If they don't bring a hat, they will be restricted to playing in shaded areas only. We ask that you apply sunscreen each morning too please. We do have some in each classroom but this is just for reapplying during the day.

PUKAPUKA PARTY

This is another date to keep free – Saturday the 2nd of March. This is a free community event put on by our wonderful Bream Bay Learning Community which is a group of volunteers who are passionate about Literacy. The day runs from 10.00am – 1.30pm and is so much fun for the whole family.

SPORT NORTHLAND

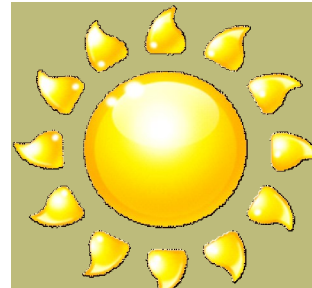
HEALTHY HOME BAKING

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With a few healthy changes muffins, scones, loaves and muesli bars can be made at home for a healthy, fresh and cheap snack. Also, great for the lunchbox!



Home baking =
less packaging...
a bonus for the
environment



TERM 1

21 Feb - School picnic and opening of Multipurpose \ Library

25 to 27 Feb - Rm 11 & 12 Camp at Mangawhai

27 Feb to 1 Mar - Bilingual camp to Mangawhai

2 Mar - Pukapuka party

4 to 6 Mar - Rm 13 & 14 Camp to The Farm

7 Mar - School swimming sports senior at BBC

12 Mar - School Photos

14 Mar - Interschool swimming sports at BBC

23 Mar - GALA DAY

Quote of the week

In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities. In the expert's mind there are few.

Shunryu Suzuki

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



7 February 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

Whaia te iti kahurangi ki te tuahu koe me he maunga teitei

Aim for the highest cloud s that if you miss it, you will hit a lofty mountain.

Tena koutou katoa

Another big welcome to all our new whanau. It was lovely to meet you all at the powhiri.

I hope the first few days have gone well for both your children and yourself. This is always a very busy and stressful time trying to get back into routines and to get each child sorted to start the school year.



Manoa from Room 1, brought his pet bearded dragon Gary to share with us. How amazing is he??

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

BUILDING BLESSING



As mentioned last week, we will be blessing our new building at 6am on Friday morning and you are most welcome to come along and join us. This will be followed up by a light breakfast which we will provide. As soon as we have done this, if you are able to stay for a little while to help us move all the furniture and equipment across to these rooms, we would be very grateful. Many hands make light work.

GALA

This is rapidly approaching – **SATURDAY 23rd OF MARCH. This is only 6 weeks away!** We desperately need more help – both with the lead up and on the day. The money from the gala will be going towards purchasing robotic equipment and new playground equipment. There will be a separate notice with this newsletter for you to fill out and return to school letting us know how you can help. We will also have a “Helpers Chart” up in the foyer for you to add your names.

We will be holding a Gala meeting here in the new multi-purpose room on Tuesday 12th of February at 1.30pm. Please come along and bring someone else with you.

To all new parents – this is a great way to get involved with the school and to meet some new people. **CAN ANYONE WORK ON SPONSORSHIP??? HELP!!**

FIREWOOD

Another fundraiser for us is to sell off the firewood from all the trees we had to cut down last year. To do this we will need to split (using a log splitter) and stack all the wood ready for sale. As soon as this is done we will advertise the wood for sale. We do not plan to deliver this as this is a big job so people will need to arrange their own pick up. We will also be putting the huge pile of branches in the carpark area through a mulcher so will need help with that on the same day. **We have the log splitter booked for Wednesday the 13th of February. Can you come along and help move and stack the firewood ready for sale?**



WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Sunday the 7th of April. This is a neat event for 7yr+ old.

It involves a short bike ride, swim and run. The distances are manageable and it is a really fun day. Early Bird Price is available until the 7th of March.

Last year we had 14 school participants and we would love to have over 20 this year!! If your child requires a bike or helmet we can provide school ones and help with transportation.

Here is the link to enter as part of the school team (link also available on school facebook page).

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=31852&G=68028>

Any questions, please contact Jo Irvine- joannei@ruakaka.school.nz or checkout the Weetbix Tryathlon website.

LOST PROPERTY

We have started the year with an empty box of lost property and we are hoping to keep it that way! Last year we were able to return a small amount of clothing to owners as they were named.

Please make sure all clothing is named (actual name not initials) as even though we lay the lost property out each week for the children to look at, many don't seem to recognise what is theirs.

At this time of year hats, shoes, togs and towels are hot items in the lost property box. Please make sure these items are also named.

ROOM 2 SELF PORTRAITS



Room 2 started the year by doing self portraits. They used lots of different mediums to create them and they look fantastic.

Most classrooms have started the year creating artwork in their rooms. Pop in and have a look in your child's room at the bright and colourful work that is being created.