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This month's winner was

ROOM 11 - DESCRIBING A CASTLE....

I can smell danger coming right out of the bottom of the door. It looks like there's war coming. By Larnia
The castle I am picturing has huge gingerbread biscuits as well as white icing holding it together. But the best thing yet is the moat filled with rich, melted chocolate. By Erika
My castle is made out of old bricks and is covered with mould. It looks abandoned and lost. It has a very big moat. By Paige
My castle is delicious because it is made of Nutella. The Nutella doesn't melt because it is in cold weather and under a dome. By Levi
I see my castle is made of sand with towers and flags. It has surf boards leaning up against it. On the inside it has reinforced steel holding it up. By Kodi.
My castle is made out of cobblestone and it has moss and vines covering it. There are gargoyles on either side, but they look like Vikings. It has a caged door so it can't open. I heard claws clatter and a lot of roaring! By Bronte

AVAILABLE POSITIONS CLEANER

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 ASAP.

JUNIOR BEACH TRIP



Junior Beach Trip was lots of fun and a great day enjoyed by tamariki and whānau! Thank you to those of you who helped transport and supported us on the day.



12 Mar - School Photos

14 Mar - Interschool
swimming sports at BBC

23 Mar - GALA DAY

25 Mar - Duffy Book
Assembly

9 April - Creative writing
show for whole school

10 April - BoT meeting
4:30pm

12 April - End of Term 1,
2:30pm

PLAYGROUND

Plans for playground
are progressing – do
you have any ideas
to share? Helen Kay
is leading this and
would love your
input.

Quote of the week

*It isn't how much we
do, but how much
love we put into what
we do that really
counts.*
Mother Teresa

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 March 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

Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi
With your basket and my basket the people will thrive

Tēna koutou katoa

What an amazing couple of weeks of weather we have had for our senior camps and our junior school beach day. Everyone had such an amazing time and thank you to all of you that came along to support these events. We could not do it without you.



On Friday 1 March we were very fortunate to have a visit from members of the NZ Warriors Rugby League team. We had a special assembly to welcome them to our school and we were very excited to host them. They spoke to our students about sleep, hydration, nutrition and hygiene. Some children were lucky enough to win drink bottles, bags, stickers and even tickets to see their game in Whangarei last Saturday. This was an awesome opportunity to have sporting role models inspire and motivate our tamariki.

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

INTERNET SAFETY

You may already be aware that there are some concerns around pop ups appearing on some kids you-tube videos. Earlier this year we stopped children's access to YouTube. This site is to only be accessed by the class teacher or under supervision of a Teacher Aide. All classes start the year with internet safety lessons. Here are some tips that you can adopt at home to help keep your child/ren safe on the internet:

- Set expectations; how long your child can be on a device and what kind of apps or games they should be accessing.
- Have devices in living areas (not bedrooms) so you can supervise the content.
- Download the apps yourself or put in parental controls which allows you to check the content and recommended age before downloading.
- Be aware that some games have in app purchases.
- Talk to your child about not sharing personal information such as phone number, address, age and email addresses unless approved by you.
- Talk to your child about pop ups and what to do if something pops up that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Be aware that some games and apps have options to play other players online. There are also some that have in app/game messaging options... think about who they could be potentially chatting with?
- Turn the Wi-Fi off at a certain time.
- Set a good example, how often are you online?

Often we hear children talking about games that are recommended for 13+ or even R16. Viewing and playing games that are intended for an older audience does have a negative impact for our tamariki. Sometimes children re-enact what they have seen and have undesirable behaviour as a result. Please ensure your child is playing age appropriate games.

For more information and tips, please visit Netsafe NZ

GALA

Only 2 weeks and 2 days to go!

Thank you so much to all of you who have been sending things along to school for the Gala.

What we still need:

Grocery items for the wheelbarrow raffle, Chipped crockery for smash alley, Good quality items for the white elephant sale, Mystery jars, Gold, silver and bronze sponsors and lots of helpers, please call into the office and write your name on the helpers list - we need your support to make this day a success.

For the Hangi we need donations of:

Chicken, pork or beef, white bread, thyme, mixed herbs, maggie chicken stock power in the bottles, cooking oil, champion plain white flour, red top bottles of surebake yeast, butter, carrots, onions, potatoes, kumara, pumpkin, eggs, cabbage and newspaper.

Hangi Tickets are on sale now at the office for \$10 per ticket. We only 250 tickets for sale so get in quick!



CAMP

Kia ora whānau! Nga mihi nui ki a koutou mo to aroha ki a mātou, Te Whānau Harakeke. Thank you for coming to Mangawhai camp and helping us because if we didn't have all of you, we wouldn't have been able to go to camp.

From Manaia and Kobe (On behalf of Te Whānau Harakeke).



THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I would like to acknowledge our wonderful Board who agreed to pay such a large proportion of your child's camp costs for the last 2 years. This is part of being an inclusive school – we want no child to be left out. What a special experience this has been for all of our children.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

A reminder that these are coming up soon. Have you considered standing? It is such a worthwhile thing to do and it is a great way of not only being involved in the school but also part of decision making to make this the place that it is for our tamariki. More information will be coming out about this.

SWIMMING

We are desperately trying to get some swimming in this season – and thought we were almost there – but now there is a problem with our existing filter! We need to get this replaced before we are able to swim - I will keep you informed.

SWIMMING SPORTS TODAY

We are proud of how well our kids did today at swimming sports considering they had no practise. We have some promising swimmers and if your child has been selected for Interschool Swimming Sports they will receive a notice home soon.

FIREWOOD

We still have a few loads of wood available, this is a softwood - we are unsure of the exact tree type and each pile is just under a cubic metre. We are asking \$60 per pile and payment is to be made in cash at the school office between 8:30am and 4.00pm (pick up available up until 5:30pm each day this week). We have 11 piles left, first in first served.