



Flying into the future

4 February 2010

Term One - Newsletter One

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Welcome back everyone!! We hope you have all had a relaxing holiday and are refreshed and ready for another year at Rukuhia School. Welcome to Rukuhia School Santana, Sabrina, Jaylene, and Mikayla Tuamata-Lane, Liah Berridge, Quinn Remnant, Jack Bradley-Coombes, Zoe Penny, Lucy and Thomas Griffin. We are pleased to have you here.

We also welcome our new Room 1 Teacher, Mrs Jane Coles. Jane is an experienced New Entrant teacher who comes to us from Te Awamutu Primary School. Please feel free to call in and meet Jane and introduce yourself. Our website has recently been updated. We now have a "blog" which I will do my best to try and update each day with daily events. You are welcome to join in the conversation and comment on any of the postings. You can find this by going into parent pages on the website.

Room Four are now in their new classroom. Thank you to those who worked so hard to make this happen.

Next Thursday, weather permitting we would like to invite anyone who is able to join us for lunch. Bring a long a picnic and join us under the trees. The pool will be open for a swim as well. We will also be having an Open Evening on the 16th of February where you can come along and see your child's classroom and meet their teacher on an informal basis. Our first Parent/Teacher Interviews will be on the 16th of March.

We now have a school cellphone number. This is available to **text absences** and short messages. Please do not leave voice messages on this phone as they will not be checked. The number is 027 8227767.

Michelle Patterson

Congratulations

to the Cawood family who now have a new addition to the family. A baby boy "Ryan" and to Mrs Scott on becoming a Grandmother to a beautiful baby girl.

Thank you

To Barry Riches for the donation of paint buckets for enviroschools and to Bruce Liddle for cleaning and waterblasting the outside of our school.

Enclosed

- Lunch Order form
- Uniform Order form
- Habits of the Mind
- Speech and Drama Class Note
- NZ Credit Union School Banking Information

Lunches

Lunches will be available daily. A lunch order form is enclosed with today's newsletter for your convenience.

Stationery—Take the stress out of Back to School

We have a full stock of stationery for all students at practically cost prices. We like to inform you that the school has no intention on making a profit in this area. Stationery may be charged to the family account if the account is has been cleared from last year. A stationery list went home earlier in the week indicating what they require.

School Accounts

Thank you to all those who cleared their accounts before the end of December, this certainly helps for our annual audit having less outstanding.

We see a number of families already making automatic payments toward their account for this year. This is a fantastic way of keeping on top of things. We are happy to charge, uniforms, stationery and School Donations to the family account. We understand it can be an expensive time for families, so do make arrangements with the office if you would like to spread your account over the year. We are happy to accommodate.

Reminder notices can be printed at any time on request and will be sent home every term.

Account details if paying by Internet Banking:

Name of Account: FOR RUKUHIA SCHOOL
 Account Number: 02-0316 0126515 00
 Bank: Bank of New Zealand

Note:

Use your surname as your Reference

Uniforms

Everyone looks great this week in their uniform. We have a good supply of uniforms available from the office. Enclosed is a price list for your reference. We do have a few preloved items available. If your child has grown out of any items and are still in reasonable condition, you may donate them to the school or we can arrange to sell them on behalf.

Swimming

The school pool will be used frequently in the heat we are experiencing. Please ensure your child/children bring togs and towel to school everyday. For those families who have a pool key, PLEASE follow the pool rules and use common sense with safety. Strictly no smoking or food in the pool area or diving in the pool.

Thank you to those families who purchased a key for the pool over the holidays and kept an eye out. This has certainly helped as there was no vandalism over the holidays.

Newsletters

Newsletters will go out every Thursday and they can also be viewed on our website go to www.rukuhia.school.co.nz Parent Information / Rukuhia School Newsletters. Please check for this each week. It contains important information. (Select the date you wish to view)

Sun Smart

All students have been allocated the Rukuhia School Bucket hat for them to wear and leave at school. It is compulsory for student to wear their hats in the playground during Term 1 & 4. We recommend that parents apply sunscreen prior to school to help prevent sun burn. As you can appreciate it is difficult to apply lotion to students every day.

Music Lessons 2010

Commences Tuesday 9th February

Please contact Helen Ray if your child still has an interest in playing the piano, guitar or keyboard this year. Helen's charges are considerably lower than the normal music lessons and with her coming to our school on a weekly basis it would be great if she could continue with this wonderful service. Helen's contact number is Phone 855 4074

Family Football Night

This will now be held on Monday evenings. Starting on the 8th February. 5pm BYO BBQ followed by games at 6.00pm. The pool will be open for a swim so bring your swimwear.

Gymnastics

This will commence next week on Wednesday. If you would like your child to attend please feel free to register. Information re gymnastics available from the office.

Homework Club - After School Care

This service is still available. Please make contact with Michelle Richardson for any information and bookings. Students attending Homework Club may also be swimming during the summer months. Michelle is available on Phone 843 9059 or Mobile 027 3555486

Raffle winners

Drawn at our last assembly December 2009
 \$100.00 Note winner Carol McLay
 Enviro Raffle winner Bongers Family

Rukuhia School Community Committee (RSCC)

A first RSCC meeting will be confirmed in next week's newsletter—this is for anyone to come along and share ideas for fundraising and to plan some events for 2010. Our first fundraiser will be our Garage Sale to be held on Saturday 6th March from 0800-1300. Please drop of any items you have for this asap and keep collect from family, friends and neighbours any items in good condition. If you are needing help with a large item please contact Owen Pratt.

Easter Eggs

These have been ordered to come at the end of February. Every family will be allocated some. Please advise if you DO NOT wish to sell any or if you wish to sell more than your allocation.

NZ Credit Union Banking

This commences next week on Thursday. If you are interested in school banking there is some information enclosed with this newsletter.

Picnic Lunch

There will be a picnic lunch next Thursday. Parents and families are welcome to come and join us with a picnic

Coming Events

11	February	Shared Picnic Lunch
16	February	Open Evening
19	February	BOT Meeting
6	March	Garage Sale
12	March	Waipa Swimming Sports
16	March	Interviews
1	April	Last Day Term 1
19	April	Term 2 commences
7	June	Queen's Birthday
2	July	Last Day Term 2
19	July	Term 3 commences
24	September	Last Day Term 3
11	October	Term 4 commences
25	October	Labour Day

Rukuhia School:
 A quality educational
 community where
 meaningful learning is
 paramount and
 supported by our people,
 environment and values.

Rukuhia School Garage Sale 2010 !!! Saturday 6th March 8 am - 1 pm

Bring in your unwanted goods, anything considered.....
 books, toys, furniture, plants, household items, crockery,
 good condition clothing, tools etc
 If you have large items that need collecting, please contact
 the office or Owen Pratt on 843 0252.

Community Notices

Wanted

A cleaning position in the Rukuhia / Airport area.
 Anything considered
 Phone Sheryn on 843 3330

Help Wanted

A few people to cover our library books with durasell.
 This can be done at home or at school.
 Everything supplied

Got a bike? Get Ready!

The **2010 Perry Foundation Rev Cycle Festival** has something for everyone, from competitive racing through to little tackers on training wheels. Plus there are HEAPS of great prizes, a family festival of FREE entertainment and you can cool off in the University of Waikato pool for free. The under 10's can enter the free 6km REV Kids mountain bike ride through Ruakura farmland and tracks, while the over 10's can do a lap or two of the REV Intro 9km circuit – also suitable for parents wanting to cycle with their children. Lots of different categories for teenagers, teachers and parents including the Waikato Link Business Battle with the Lance Armstrong Trophy up for grabs. Race day is SOON – check out details on the website and get an entry in TODAY!

When? Race day is 20 February 2010

Where? The University of Waikato

Call: 07 838 4664

Visit: www.therev.co.nz

Flying into the future with Habits of the Mind & Key Competencies

Term One

Managing Self and Relating to Others.

This Key Competency is about self motivation and a can do attitude. Students who manage themselves are enterprising, resourceful and resilient. They establish goals, make plans, manage projects and set high standards. They know when to lead and when to follow and when and how to act independently.

Relating to others is about interacting effectively with a diverse range of people in a variety of contexts. They are open to new learning. They are aware of how their words and actions affect others.

Habit of the Mind

Stop and Think

That's Funny

Work with Others

Listening

Persistence

Learning Forever

Please see the attached bookmark page for information on these Habits, or our website.

Keep cool with water!

Wai water?

Keep yourself cool this summer by drinking water. Water helps to keep you hydrated and also makes sure that your body is working properly.

Make sure you drink plenty of water during the day especially when it's hot.

Remember, when you start to get thirsty you are dehydrated and your body needs some water, so drink up!

