



Flying into the future

11 February 2010

Term One - Newsletter Two

Dear Parents & Caregivers

There has been a lot in the news lately about the National Standards. As a school we are still finding out about how the standards will work as they were released just prior to the holidays. We have however drafted our reports and the format that the new reporting will take in our school based on the information we have. The formal reports will be sent out twice a year, once in July and once in December. These reports are required to set out whether your child is achieving the appropriate level of the curriculum as stipulated by the Ministry of Education in Literacy and Numeracy. While there is not a lot of difference to what we already do, the concern is that despite additional help and in-depth teaching, not all children will reach the required standards for a variety of reasons. As you may be aware it is very difficult to obtain funding for extra help for students who do not meet the standards. We look forward to finding out what additional help will be available to assist us. I am happy to discuss this with you should you require any further information. There is plenty of information available on the internet, particularly the Ministry of Education site.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Tuesday night at our annual summer BBQ. This is an opportunity for you to informally meet with your child's classroom teacher and other parents. We plan to have a brief get together at 6 p.m. followed by a BBQ (BYO).

The pool will be open and some sports gear available.

We are still looking for parents who are able to spare approximately half an hour in the day to listen to students read their home books or share a book with them. Full training given. Please contact either Miss Grant or myself.

Michelle Patterson

School Cell Phone for Absentees

We now have a school cell phone 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.

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

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.

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.

Thank you

A big thank you to Bruce Liddle for water blasting all the school buildings. They look super! Your effort is very much appreciated.
 To Sheryn Rockcliffe for covering our books for the library!

Music Lessons 2010

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

A fantastic success! Reminder that it is held on Monday evenings. Bring your family, friends and neighbours. BYO BBQ dinner at 5.00 pm followed by games at 6.00pm. The pool will be open for a swim so bring your swimwear.

Gymnastics

This started this week. 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

NZ Credit Union Banking

Collection for banking is Thursday mornings. If you are interested in school banking there is some information enclosed with this newsletter.

RSCC (Rukuhia School Community Committee)

First meeting will be
 Thursday 18th at 3.15pm
 Lounge Room of the Hall

A quick meeting to discuss the organisation of the garage sale and a brainstorm of fundraising ideas for 2010.

Also to get an indication of what times suit most of the committee to meet.

Please let the office know if you can attend.

Anyone is welcome to come along, it would be fantastic to see some of our new families there.

Children can play on the playground while we have our meeting.

Fundraising

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.

Produce Stand

The produce stand is looking a little depleted. If you have any surplus herbs, veggies, eggs please bring them in so we can sell them on the produce stand. Thank you.

Coming Events

16	February	Open Evening
19	February	Assembly
23	February	BOT Meeting
5	March	Assembly
6	March	Garage Sale
12	March	Waipa Swimming Sports
16	March	Interviews
19	March	Assembly
23	March	BOT Meeting
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

Work Wanted

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

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!

DIY flavoured water:

Flavoured waters from the shops can be packed full of sugar - some have 7tsp of sugar per bottle!

While these drinks can taste nice, too much sugar isn't good for our bodies so try flavouring the water naturally to avoid all that extra sugar.

Try using some of these to flavour your own water:



Mint
 Strawberries
 Orange
 Lemon