



Flying into the future

18 March 2010

Term One - Newsletter Seven

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to everyone for making me welcome at your fantastic school. Well done to the parents who came to the Parent / Teacher interviews it was great to meet you. A special set of thanks go to the dedicated staff here at school who are working hard to ensure it is business as usual. As an Education Consultant I see many schools in action and Rukuhia is right up there with the best.

Regards
Mike Rzoska

Teacher Only Day

It has become necessary to declare a **Teacher Only Day on Friday 26th March**

This decision has not been taken lightly but is in the best interests of our school, students and staff moving forward. We realize that this is quite short notice for some of you and can only apologise for this.

Yours sincerely
Christine Higgins
BOT Chairperson

Board of Trustee Elections

As was in the newsletter last week, April Taelangi of RTH Election Services is our Returning Officer for the upcoming election. She tells me that information and nomination papers are to be mailed out very soon.

It is very important to remind everyone that we have two parent elected BOT members who have indicated that they will definitely not be standing for re-election and three others who have yet to announce their decision. If we do not get a total of 3 nominations by closing date, that can mean that a Commissioner is appointed instead of a Board. Therefore it is vital that we have people willing to put themselves forward.

If, as happened at the last election, there are five candidates, there will be no vote held. If there are six or more, there will be a full poll.

April Taelangi is offering to run an information evening for anyone who is considering standing for the BOT. This is to explain the roles and expectations of BOT members and answer any questions you may have about that.

Come for a coffee, cake and learning!
7 pm
Monday 29th March at school.

RSVP to school office by noon on the day.
NB If there are no RSVP returns, this session will be cancelled so it is essential that you let us know that you want to come.

Christine Higgins
BOT Chairperson

Upcoming Week....

Tomorrow Assembly 2.15 pm
Monday Music lessons / Family Football Night
Tuesday Drama/Speech Lessons
Wednesday Super Heroes Day
Thursday Tech
Friday TEACHER ONLY DAY

Family Football Night

Next Monday will be the last night of Rukuhia Family Football.

Thank you so much for all your support and attendance. It has been amazing to see so many families and the wider community socializing together and having a lot of fun doing so.

Keep you eyes and ears out for next terms afterschool social activities.

Regards
Zac Taylor

Super Heroes Day—Wednesday 24th

A chance for the whole school to dress up as a super hero! A picnic lunch under the trees. There will be a sausage sizzle available and parents are able to join in for a fun afternoon of activities.

Entertainment Books

Are coming very soon!! Every family will have the opportunity to look over these wonderful books over the holidays. Purchase it yourself or sell it to someone you know (or order extras for gifts). If you pre-book your entertainment book now, you will receive a sheet of EXTRA savings!! Every year the Entertainment book just gets better and better. So have a good look at the savings when your book comes home.

Reminders

- Keep selling your chocolate eggs
- Bring your egg money to the office
- Scholastic orders to the office by this Monday
- Text your ABSENTEES to 027 8227767
- Apply sunscreen before school
- Credit Union Banking on Thursdays.

Netball

We currently have four interested students wanting to play netball. (Rose, Kate, Jyadeep, Ada). We need nine students for a team which includes reserves. We have made contact with other schools to hopefully join in with their teams. We are not having a lot of luck at this stage, but a few schools are still getting back to us. Ideally we need five more RUKUHIA students, so if you would like to play for our own team please register your interest at the office immediately. Thank you.

Swimming Sports

Rukuhia School hosted the Lower Waipa Swimming Sports held last Friday at the Te Awamutu Events Centre.

Thanks to Mrs Adam's hard work the day ran successfully! Congratulations to all the competitors and to our wonderful parents who helped with transport and supervision; Pudneys, Reekers, Pratts, Graves, Liddles, you did a fantastic job.

A special thank you to Lachlan Holt who came as a runner for the days events, we were thrilled to have you.

Fundraising Opportunity

The Reekers have offered our school a spot at the Microlight Family Day to be able to fundraise for our school. It would be in the capacity of rides or something similar. Your ideas are welcome! If you are considering going to this fantastic day let us know if you are available to help in any way. Thank you.

I _____ would like to place a bid on the Plane flight for two over the Waikato & District.
I would like to bid \$_____

Signed _____

**Plane Flight for two
In a Cessna 172
Scenic Tour
over the Waikato & District**



Kindly sponsored by
**Jan & Yoka Reekers and
Rukuhia Engineering**

If you would like to place a bid.
Please return slip above or email / contact
the office advising the amount you would like to bid

Coming Events

19	March	Assembly
23	March	BOT Meeting
24	March	Super Heroes Dress up Day
26	March	TEACHER ONLY DAY
1	April	Last Day Term 1
19	April	Term 2 commences
6	May	Year 7&8 Immunisations
11	May	BOT ELECTIONS
7	June	Queen's Birthday
2	July	Last Day Term 2
19	July	Term 3 commences
5	August	Year 7&8 Immunisations
24	September	Last Day Term 3
11	October	Term 4 commences
25	October	Labour Day

Community Notices

**ATTENTION FARMERS!!
Win ONE of FOUR computers
for our school with
PGG Wrightson & Balance**

PGG Wrightson & Balance Agri-Nutrients are delighted to be able to help rural schools with a fundraising opportunity through their GOLD STAR give back promotion.

Any farmer who purchases selected Balance fertilizer from PGG Wrightson between March 1 – May 31 2010 will be able to enter their school of choice in a draw to win one of four HP computers. Also, \$2 cash on every tone sold will go to the school to help with fundraising. All the farmer has to do is nominate which school he wants to support at the time of ordering.

FAMILY DAY
Waikato Microlight Club
4th Annual Event
251 Collins Road
March 27th & 28th
www.wmlc.co.nz

Matangi Country School
Giant Art & Craft Fair
Hamilton Gardens Pavilion
Sunday 28th March 2010
9.00 am to 4.00 pm

**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