



Flying into the future

20 May 2010

Term Two - Newsletter Five

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tomorrow

Road Safety Educational Puppet Show will be visiting Rukuhia School tomorrow afternoon. There will be no charge for this as the Waipa District Council have sponsored this.

Crazy Hair Day—Tomorrow !!

In support of the Westpac Waikato Air Ambulance, Rukuhia School are having a CRAZY HAIR DAY tomorrow (Friday 21st May). It would be fantastic if a small donation could be given to the Air Ambulance so please bring along a gold coin.

The helicopter may fly over any registered school, so fingers crossed they may come to ours.

There will also be a sausage sizzle on this day.

Sausages \$1.50 and Iceblocks \$1.

Feel free to join us just after 9 for the Crazy Hair Day Parade

Cross Country ... A big thank you to Bev and Murray Bradley-Coombes who have allowed us to use their property to practice all our running for the Cross Country events. We really had the 'country' feel this year! Thank you to all the parents who came to transport and support our students at the Lower Waipa Schools Cross Country at Paterangi School yesterday. Congratulations to all our participants who ran, you did an outstanding job. There was a considerable improvement on fitness levels from last year which saw us take away far more top twenty placings. Well done everyone!

Winter Sports

Lower Waipa Winter Sports will take place in week 10 at Ngahinapouri School. This involves football, rugby and netball. We have some people lined up to help with improving skills but are always keen to have parents help share their knowledge, even if they can spare time at lunch to work with students. Feel free to pop down if and when you can.

Questionnaire

Enclosed with last week's newsletter was a questionnaire, thank you to the 15 that have been returned. Your feedback is very important to us, so please complete your questionnaire and return it to the office asap. Thank you..

Thank you

To Owen and Tracy Pratt for delivering posters to Ngaruawahia, Tokoroa, Putaruru, Tirau and Hamilton City and to Lyndon McFetridge who ventured out to Taumarunui and Te Kuiti today. We still have Mata-mata, Te Awamutu and Cambridge to finish off in the next week, so if you are heading in that direction please let us know if you can help deliver fieldays posters to businesses in that area. Thank you.

Help Wanted in the Library

We are looking for a few parents who could help do some library work. Please let us know if you can help. Thank you.

BOT Chat

As I'm standing down from the BOT, this will be my last BOT Chat to you all. I've thoroughly enjoyed my 6 years on the Board and the challenges it has brought as well as highlights such as the Centennial and the completion of the Community Hall.

I am especially pleased that we have had such a great election and look forward to handing over to the new Board tonight.

To those who stood but didn't get elected, thank you so much for being prepared to stand, that's what assures us all that the community has had the proper opportunity to participate in choosing their representatives, and if you were not prepared to put yourselves in that situation, it couldn't happen.

To those who have been elected, congratulations and I'm sure you will soon form a great working team.

As well as myself, Bruce Tocker and Sarah Grant have stood down, and to them I say a 'huge thank you' for all their support during my brief time as Chairperson.

As you will all be aware, we have had need to find a Relief Principal this term, and it was a major challenge to find someone who was available.

Sandra Connor has been an outstanding person in the role, and the staff and BOT have really valued her input. As many will know, Sandra has driven all the way from Hawkes Bay to help us out for the last three weeks, which is a very big ask of anyone. Sadly, the distance means that she cannot keep doing that, but she has been able to assist us in finding a very suitable replacement.

In consultation the BOT personnel committee, and NZSTA (who manage this kind of relief coverage), Lynne Wilson has been appointed to the role of Relief Principal as of next Monday, until the end of term.

Lynne had retired at the end of last year and moved to Hamilton to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She is a very experienced Principal, and we are extremely lucky to have found someone so skilled at this stage of the term. She tells us that Rukuhia is very similar to her last school and that she is excited to be coming to join the team.

I wish Rukuhia School all the best for the future and hope to stay in touch with the people I have got to know as a result of choosing it as our son's school almost 10 years ago and then choosing to be actively involved.

Christine Higgins

Election Results

Thank you to all those who stood for the Rukuhia School Board of Trustees. The results are as follows:

Rebecca Berridge	23
Cath Knapton	33
Owen Pratt	41
Craig Tonkin	20
Robyn Graves	17
Lydia Nelson	12
John Macaskill-Smith	33
Glenn Ward	12
Invalid Votes	1

Duly Elected: Rebecca Berridge, Cath Knapton, Owen Pratt, Craig Tonkin and John Macaskill-Smith

We farewell Christine Higgins, Sarah Grant and Bruce Tocker who have stood down from the BOT this year. We sincerely thank them for their dedication and devotion to Rukuhia School over the years. We are fortunate that we still have Miss Grant at Rukuhia School as a Teacher and will no doubt see Christine and Bruce in the community. Thank you all so much !!

Netball Practice

For those of you that have shown an interest in learning Netball skills, practice will start on Wednesday immediately after school. Thank you to Sheryn Rockliffe who has initiated this. There a quite a few students attending and we encourage more to come if they intend on playing netball in the future. It would be great if an extra snack be packed on Wednesdays so those attending practice can have a bite to eat beforehand. Meet at the courts. If the weather is wet practice will take place in the Community Hall.

Coffee Mornings / Playgroup

We have a number of parents wanting to start a social meeting group up in the Community Hall this term. Pre schoolers will be able to play and parents will be able to have a coffee and chat during this time. (approx 10.00 am—11.30 am). If you would like to come along, please express your interest to the office, to date Wednesday and Thursday are the favourable days. We will announce shortly when it will start.

School Start Time

We stress that it is important that children arrive at school before 9.00 am every morning. Coming to school before bell time enables your child to settle into class and know what is expected of them for the day. Children arriving late miss social time and vital instructions for lessons.

Reminders:

- Return your questionnaires
- Name your school uniforms
- Collect Yummy Stickers

Country Day / Group Day

Dates were confirmed for these events at the recent AGM. Rukuhia will hold Country Day on MONDAY 18th October and Group Day will be held on Friday 22 October at Ngahinapouri School. More information about Country Day will be coming shortly.

Produce Stand

Thank you to Mrs Connor for bringing over some Hawkes Bay produce for our produce stand. Please remember to drop off your surplus home grown veggies and herbs. Thank you.

School Sores (Impetigo)

There are a few children at school with sores. School sores is an infectious disease and NEEDS antibiotics to remedy this. If your child has sores—please seek medical advice. We appreciate your help with this.

Entertainment Books

Rukuhia School broke another record this year, selling more books than 2009. 26 books were sold raising \$286.00 for Rukuhia School. Thank you to all those families who bought and sold extra books. They really are worth their weight in gold!

Uniforms

Please ensure students wear FULL uniform everyday!

A number of children are wearing different coloured items. Navy and Jade are the colours of our uniform.

From time to time we have preloved uniforms for sale at a reduced price. Please let the office know if you are interested—we can contact you if the right size and item becomes available. Also if you have a uniform that does not fit, we can sell it on your behalf or you may donate it back to the school.

Put on your Calendar these Coming Events...

20	May	BOT Meeting
21	May	Crazy Hair Day / Puppet Show
28	May	Assembly
7	June	Queen's Birthday
11	June	Assembly
23	June	Winter Sports
2	July	Last Day Term 2
19	July	Term 3 commences
5	August	Year 7&8 Immunisations
13	August	School Photographs
24	Sept	Last Day Term 3
11	October	Term 4 commences
18	October	Country Day
22	October	Group Day
25	October	Labour Day

School Accounts

Account details if paying by Internet Banking:

Name of Account:
FOR RUKUHIA SCHOOL

Account Number:
020316 0126515 00

Note:
Use your surname as a reference so we can identify your payment. Thank you

FOOD LABELS

What makes a good product?

Use these guidelines to help you choose a healthy and nutritious product. These can be applied to most packaged products. If the product meets all three criteria, then it's an excellent choice.

- Less than 15g sugar/100g
- Less than 10g total fat/100g
- More than 5g fibre/100g
- Lowest salt/sodium content possible

Rukuhia School

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