



Flying into the future

Quote:

Parenthood
There are three ways to get things done:

- Do it yourself
- Have someone else do it
- Or FORBID your kids to do it

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Well it is the beginning of winter but a bit of a shock even so. I hope you all had a great holiday weekend. We have a new child who has joined us at the school today, Savannah Bright, she will join Mrs Leanne Adam and the children of Room 2. We welcome Savannah Bright to the school and her Mum and Dad Jessica and Hayden to our school family.

Last Friday Ms Jane Coles and I attended the Ministry course on National Standards in relation to Literacy. Jane and I found we learned a lot from talking to staff from other schools.

Reports

I did mention that these would be out hopefully at the end of June but we are working towards Week 2 Term 3 (Friday 30th July) as the report forms have had to be set up to reflect the National Standards so this required a new format which the staff and I have been working on and hopefully have something you will be happy with. Time restraints in relation to training and structuring a new report form have meant they are a little later than hoped.

Testing

Testing over the next two days—all Year 3—8 children are being tested for word recognition and comprehension skills in relation to their chronological age. Miss Sarah Grant will be working with the children individually. Mrs Tricia O'Neil will release Sarah for the two days. This testing will be looked at against current reading levels children are on in the classroom so that we are able to report to you using current data for reading. Staff obviously have current data on Numeracy and Writing. The reports cover Numeracy, Literacy (Reading, Writing and Speaking) and the key competencies, with a general comment at the end of the report.

Professional Development

Staff: Mrs Leanne Adam and Miss Sarah Grant attended a course last Wednesday run by Waikato Institute for Leisure and Sport "Teaching Games for Understanding" which included teaching children game and sense enabling them to appreciate the joy of game playing. The relievers were funded by Waikato Leisure and Support. I know both teachers have already worked with their classes to implement some of these ideas.

Crazy Hair Day

The donations on Crazy Hair Day event towards the Westpac Air Ambulance raised \$107.70. Thank you to everyone.

Autism Awareness

This week we have a donation stand outside the office for donations for Autism. Bring in your donation and select a bracelet.

Fieldays

Many thanks to Lyndon and Karl for delivering posters to Thames, Morrinsville and Te Aroha in the pouring rain. Thanks also to Bev for delivering posters to Te Awamutu and to Jan Mond's Dad for delivering posters in Matamata. We are most appreciative of everyone's help who where involved in this task, it is a big job but well worth the effort to raise funds for our school.

Beaut Pies Fundraiser

The order forms will be out before the holidays for you to collect orders from friends and family and work colleges. Orders to come back in week 1 Term 3 and delivery will be 30th July.

Playgroup / Morning Tea Morning

All welcome to the playgroup / morning tea together in the Community Hall Red Room this WEDNESDAY at 10.00am. It would be great to see lots of parents and pre schoolers there.

Rukuhia School Newsletter

Term Two - Week Seven

8 June 2010

Netball

Thanks to Sheryn Rockliffe for running the Netball practice. We were informed that 10 players came the first week and 12 the second week! Thanks also to Bev Bradley-Coombes for helping out with practice. Great to see so many Rukuhia School students participating

Winter Sports

Winter Sports are on Wednesday 23rd June, I know the Senior children will enjoy the inter-school exchanges and so will I.

Farewell

We farewelled Meg Goodey and Shania Rakena from the school this Term. We wish them well in their new schools.

Help Wanted

The leaves have made a real mess of the new concrete in front of the classrooms and Owen BOT wondered if any parent had a water blaster they would be kind enough to water blast the leaf stains for us. We would be grateful for your help with this.

Another wonderful week last week, thanks so much to the many parents who have made themselves known to me. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness with which I have been accepted and welcomed. What a wonderful community spirit you have here. The staff have had cards, flowers and letters of support for the excellent work they do in the school and this has been very much appreciated by them. The huge plus for your staff is that they love working in the school and their passion for their jobs.

Once again thank you for the trust you put in us.
Kindest Regards



Awards 28th May

Principal Award

- R1 **Zoe Penny** for her outstanding attitude towards learning in all areas.
- R2 **Aaron Wilson** for doing his best and being a great member of Room 2.
- R3 **Reagan Rockliffe** for consistently working hard in a diligent, self initiated manner.
- R4 **Eden Liddle** for her continued hard work and effort in ALL areas.

Class Awards

- R1 **Liah Berridge & Joshua Bowler**
- R2 **Tiamo Johnson-Rongo & Kristianna Clark**
- R3 **Sabrina Tumata-Lane, Quinlan Ingoo, Thomas Griffin**
- R4 **Ada Nelson & Alex Pudney**

Awards 4th June

Principal Award

- R1 **Oliver Fitzgerald** for his outstanding enthusiasm towards learning
- R2 **Tiamo Johnson-Rongo** for keeping our school play ground clean and tidy
- R3 **Leyton Elliott** for concise and informative homework project about Henry Ford
- R4 **Leah Riches** for her enthusiasm for her novel reading

Class Awards

- R1 **Tiffany Cawood & Quinn Remnant**
- R2 **Abigail Pratt & Corbin Remnant**
- R3 **Savannah Williams & Tahlia Johnson-Rongo**
- R4 **Chelsea Graves & Brandon Singers**

- Playground Star Winner **Zoe Penny**
- Jump Jam Draw Winner **Cayley Ward**
- Easter Egg Draw **Leah Riches**

Staff Notes...

Room 1 Jane Coles

It has been great to see all the reading books being returned to school each day - thank you for this. Our letters for this week are: d m r g o , and our sight words are: me mother going get. The blends/diagraphs are: dr gr gl.

Within our writing programme children have written some excellent reports on Richard Pearse, (a New Zealand inventor). Ask your child about Richard's inventions. I hope to put some copies of the reports on the school website over the next week. The children have displayed their reports by painting a background, making a separate title, and gluing all their pieces onto the background paper. The learning outcome for this activity was: children will recognise how to shape texts for a purpose and an audience.

Library books are changed every Wednesday. Have a check at home for library books ... your child needs to return his/her library books before being issued a new book. **Special thanks to Room 4 librarians** for helping us out on Wednesdays.

Sorry that the spelling testing has not happened for the last two Fridays - I have been to two courses on National Standards. We will be back to our normal schedule this week. The children really enjoyed Jump Jam on Monday. It is a fun challenging activity (for teachers too!) This will be part of our physical education programme this term.

Room 2 Leanne Adam

Last week Room 2 checked out all sorts of different toys. We were looking at how they worked, what they were made from and the purpose they were created for. This week we are going to be looking at magnets and how they work. We have watched parts of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang video as part of Inventors and Inventions theme. If you have any other DVD's at home that show inventions/inventors then I would love to borrow it.

We have started descriptive writing and are looking at ways to use interesting words to make our writing more interesting. I would like to remind parents that book bags still come to school every day. We have been having a spate of children 'forgetting' them. It is really important that your children still read to someone regularly at home.

Please check that your child's sweatshirt/vest is named as we seem to be having a lot of lost property around the classroom at present.

Room 3 Sarah Grant

Mrs O'Neil was relieving in Room 3 today as I was not feeling too well. I am sure I will be back tomorrow. Room 3 had a fantastic time dissecting the enormous pumpkin last week! Homework diaries are going home today and are due back on Friday. Loving the children who are reading every night—great to see! Mrs Adam and I went to a course last week 'Teaching Games for Understanding' (TGFU) the children are enjoying the results. Thank you to those positive people who come through our door to make our day!

Room 4 Zac Taylor

We have started digging into inventors A-Z, compiling a bank of names and info which next week we will be putting into timelines. The room four page on our web site has many links to helpful sites where students can find information and build knowledge about inventions and inventing. These will be helpful with our up and coming homework project.

Our super hero reports are coming along nicely, with some students taking the chance to show some of their creative writing ability also. Some students may be bringing these home to finish off.

We have been focusing on Geometry for the last few weeks in maths, we are also nearing the end of this unit of work. We will be looking at the last couple of aspects of translation, rotation and enlargement. Students will also be undergoing some testing to establish their ability in relation to the national standards.

Teams have been made for winter sports, unfortunately we have not had enough students to make rugby teams. We will however need parent help and someone with each team willing to referee soccer and netball.

NOVEL STUDIES, NOVEL STUDIES, NOVEL STUDIES (for some students)

ALL of room four need to remember to be taking books and homework **everyday** and bringing them back to school in a **book bag**.

Testimonial:

Aaron is the youngest of our three boys, each one a blessing and unique in their own way. It wasn't long before we found that Aaron had his own way of viewing the world, his own uniqueness and little quirks that make him stand out that he was not going to be slotted into the normal learning patterns that are expected for his age. This is a big shock for parents and brings on many fears with lots of unanswered questions about how will they cope in this world, learn, grow friendships and who will accept them as they are?

The first big step was we need to find a school where Aaron would not be lost among the many faces. We chose Rukuhia School because of its size and proximity, the teachers seemed nice and friendly. Little did we realise what a great decision this was.

In the two years that Aaron had been there, he has not only had exceptional schooling with many extra hours of support on how best to teach him, staff used many resources to accommodate his learning difficulties. The amazing Mrs Adam along with Mrs Monds and all the other teachers have used their creative abilities to provide a caring and happy environment.

Aaron is learning!! And has gained many friendships, this has been made possible by the understanding and non judgmental way that each child had befriended him. Aaron has never been bullied, children look after each other. This is a common thread that runs throughout the school, this is fostered by all the staff at Rukuhia.

We feel that because of the staff's great love of teaching, organisation skills and compassion Aaron would not be as far along in his journey as he is now and if anyone is to ask us we could not fault the time that we have spent being a member of the family of the Rukuhia School.

As we move onto a new farm it brings the excitement of a new challenge but is also with great sadness that we are leaving Rukuhia School. We will always be very grateful and would like to thank all the staff and children from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done for Aaron. Thank you !! Aaron's Family

Coming Events

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| 9 | Jun | Playgroup 10.00am (Hall) |
| 22 | Jun | BOT Meeting |
| 23 | Jun | Winter Sports |
| 2 | Jul | Last Day Term 2 |
| 19 | Jul | Term 3 commences |
| 30 | Jul | Reports home |
| 5 | Aug | Year 7&8 Immunisations |
| 13 | Aug | School Photographs |
| 24 | Sep | Last Day Term 3 |
| 11 | Oct | Term 4 commences |
| 18 | Oct | Country Day |
| 22 | Oct | Group Day |
| 25 | Oct | Labour Day |
| 7-10 | Dec | Senior Camp |

Note: Assemblies are on EVERY Friday at 2.15

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

Try this homemade recipe Solution for Lice & Nits:

Mix till dissolved:

3 Tbsp Table Salt & 150 ml boiled water

Add this mixture to:

- 250ml shampoo
- 250ml conditioner
- 1/4 tsp tea tree oil (Mix thoroughly)

Apply to dry hair, starting with scalp first then work through the hair, massaging to make sure it is all over. Leave on for approximately 3 - 4 hours.

Start combing section by section with lice comb (metal is better than plastic one).

Wipe comb after each section is done.

Rinse hair thoroughly.

This recipe breaks down the eggs so they can be easily removed.

It is a good idea to comb through a little conditioner in dry hair every day to keep the lice away.

Kindly supplied by one of our parents—give it a try !!

FOOD LABELS

Nutrition claims – "reduced fat"

This means that there is **less fat** than the **regular version**, whether its 2% less or 40% less.

If the label claims it is fat free or 98% fat free there is very little fat in the food but it may be **really high in sugar** – so check before you eat!

