



Flying into the future

Quote:

If you want to know the secret to finding happiness you need to look no further than your own children. Here are five secrets to being happy that you can learn from your kids:

1. Never take things for granted
2. Be curious
3. Spontaneous laughter
4. Forgive and forget
5. Believe that anything is possible

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Did you notice the lovely new layout for our newsletter cover? They were delivered late last week for 2010/2011. Flightpath Community Newsletter will also go out with this cover in July. A special thank you to all our generous sponsors for providing Rukuhia School with this wonderful colourful newsletter cover free of charge. As I write this the sun is shining through, long may it reign! I think we've had enough rain now, but the forecast looks great for this week. It was suggested to the children that they may like to have a spare pair of longs in case of slipping in the mud which a couple of children have and spare clothes at school are scarce. Thanks for that, as long as its not raining its good to be able to get the children out for some fresh air to play on the court.

Testing

Miss Sarah Grant has completed all the Y3-8 testing and I am very impressed with the children's achievement. These scores will be collated with the other data staff have, to enable them to give you good information when reporting on the 30th July. YO-2 children have their reading monitored through running records, the results of which show the staff what needs to be worked on to improve children's strategies when meeting an unknown word and also shows the level of understanding. Sometimes children are very good at recognizing words, but the understanding and written work are not at the same level of maturity.

Welcome

Karin tells me that Brandon Singers is an uncle again and we welcome Lucy and Ruby (twins) and congratulate Melanie and Shay Homewood and the Elson-Singers family.

Headlice

There are a number of cases of head lice in the school which I know is a real problem and takes up a lot of time and effort and money. If you could check hair regularly and let me know if your children have head lice so that we are able to keep an eye on it, before the problem becomes too wide spread.

Scholastic Book Orders

If you could please return your orders by Thursday this week. Karin will place the order on Thursday so the books will arrive before the end of term.

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.

Working Bee

This is such a beautiful school, so well laid out and the grounds visible for all staff to keep an eye on children in the playground. The new resources supplied by the Ministry for wheelchair access have added to the look of the school. BUT the gardens, edges, water blasting and untidy areas are taking away from the great look of the school. Owen Pratt who has the property portfolio on the Board of Trustees would really like a 'working bee' this Sunday the 20th at 10 am. If you are available for a few hours on Sunday, please bring down your own tools—this would be very much appreciated. I would love to be here as well but I am in Taranaki this weekend. MY contribution will be to purchase some primulas and potting mix from Airport Garden Centre and sort the terracotta pot outside the staff room. Owen and the rest of the Board would really appreciate your help.

Rukuhia School Newsletter

Term Two - Week Nine

14 June 2010

Playgroup / Morning Tea Morning

Anyone is welcome to the playgroup / morning tea get together in the Community Hall Red Room **NEXT WEDNESDAY (23rd June)** at 10.00am. It would be great to see lots of parents and pre schoolers there. Please note this will be held on a fortnightly basis.

Netball

This will continue after school on Wednesdays till the end of this term. It is great to see so many Rukuhia School students participating!

Autism Awareness

This week we have a donation stand outside the office for donations for Autism. All donations are welcomed, however if you wish to take a colorful band, the donation for one of these is \$3.00.

Credit Union Banking

In last week's newsletter there was an entry form for a competition run by Jimmy J, Credit Union Bank. Could students please return completed entry forms by Thursday this week. Thank you.

School Accounts

We are now half way through the year and it would be fantastic to see all accounts cleared by the end of Term 4. Majority of our families are now paying by Internet Banking and making small transfers to the school account on a regular basis. Karin has sent home account balance reminders home with last week's newsletter for those with amounts still owing. Please make contact with Karin re any queries you may have about your school account, she is happy to print a summary at any time.

Winter Sports

Winter Sports is fast approaching. This is on Wednesday 23rd June at Ngahinapouri School. We definitely need some parent help for supervision and transport on this day. PLEASE complete the slip below to indicate if you are able to help.

Have a great week
Kind Regards

Winter Sports

Wednesday 23rd June - Ngahinapouri School

- Yes I am available to take ___ seat belted people to Ngahinapouri School.
- Yes I am able to bring back ___ seat belted people from Ngahinapouri school.
- I have a current WOF and registration on my vehicle.
- Please indicate by circling the following.
 - Yes / No
 - I am able to assist with supervision and refereeing with Soccer / Netball.
- Without parent/grandparent or older sibling help on this day we are unable to enter our teams. We would very much appreciate your help and prompt response.

Name _____ Signature _____

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

Staff Notes...

Room 1 Jane Coles

Room 1 shared their artwork and speech bubble sentences at assembly last Friday. As part of our literacy programme I read the same book daily for a week, and children are exposed to a range of activities throughout the week to extend their concepts about print. Over the next few weeks some children will bring home a news reporter card, which asks them to bring some news to share related to our inquiry focus:

inventors and inventions. Please make sure that your child returns the card to school. The learning outcome for this activity is: to express ideas orally related to our inquiry. Our letters for next week are: b l u f j , and our sight words are: boy like looking for. The blends/diagrams are: bl fl.

Remember that spelling books need to come to school every Friday. Children can practise their spelling words in their spelling books.

I have given some children a set of basic sight words to learn. Sight words make up 70% of English language, so if your child recognises these words then this will impact positively on their reading, writing and spelling. Feel free to ask me any questions about this.

Last week our focus in maths was *fractions*, and we will be continuing with fractions this week. Children have looked at whole numbers, halves, and quarters at this stage. We have talked about equal sharing. So at home, if you are cutting up an apple or a cake, it would be great if you could talk about sharing, halves and quarters. The children have made some interesting pies/cakes about fractions which are displayed in our classroom.

Please could you check that **your child's uniform is named**, also check that the sweatshirt that your child is wearing is *their sweatshirt*.

Room 2 Leanne Adam

What do magnets stick to? Ask someone from Room 2 because they should know. We have been checking out the properties of magnets and how they interact with other objects. We have learnt to keep magnets away from things like computers, cell phones and watches. We have finished watching Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and found lots of things that Mr Potts invented.

Our descriptive writing has been going well and it has been interesting to see some students really try hard to use different words and to look really closely at what ever they are describing. It has been good to see the improvement in book bags coming to class. Remember that their home spelling or home work books come home on Mondays and are due back to school on Friday.

In week 10 we are going to be 'creating'. If you have any recycled materials that we could make things with, please send them in to class. Thank you.

Room 3 Sarah Grant

Greetings folks, and welcome to week 9! Its another busy week in room 3, with myself being out of the class today, as Prue is sick. Mrs. O'Neill will be in for me, the children had a blast with her last week, learning Japanese and using chopsticks! Room 3 will be having a big push on large ball skills from now on, in preparation for our Winter Sports today. We are building up to our creating time, to link with our Inventors and Inventions unit. It was great for me to work with the children on a reading assessment last week, the results were fantastic, so keep up the home reading—it really does make a difference!

Room 4 Zac Taylor

We have now looked at inventors, inventions and dates and will be finishing off our timeline projects early this week. We are then going to be looking at some key questions around inventors and inventions. Turning our minds onto the why and how of inventing. Students will also be given the small homework task having a close up look at a key inventor from the past and finding a way to present the knowledge gathered.

We are nearing the end of the term and over half the class have been working on a novel study. This is to encourage more reading at home. It looks at though some students will be needing to spend quiet a bit of time reading in the weeks to come if they are to finish their study. This week the whole class will be sitting an e-asttle test (on-line test) to look at their achievement in the aspects of geometry we have been looking at. Math in the coming weeks will largely consist of numeracy work, looking at basic facts again and number strategies.

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.

ALL of room four need to remember to be taking books and homework home **everyday** and bringing them back to school in a **book bag**. While I am out of class on Wednesday for my classroom release day Mrs O'Neil will be in with room four.

INVITATION Rural Women

Dinner Meeting at the Glenview Club

Thursday 24th June 2010

\$20.00 pp

Guest Speaker: Susan Murray

RSVP Noeleen Gordon 850 6091

Coming Events

16-19 Jun	Fieldays
22 Jun	BOT Meeting
23 Jun	Playgroup 10.00 am Hall
23 Jun	Winter Sports
2 Jul	Last Day Term 2
19 Jul	Term 3 commences
22 Jul	Melville College Visit
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

FOOD LABELS

**Nutrition claims –
"no added sugar"**

This means there has been no sugar added to the product but is likely to contain natural sugars. Whether the sugar is natural or added it doesn't matter, sugar is sugar. Check the label if in doubt.

Remember: 4g sugar = 1tsp



Awards 11th June

Principal Award

- R1** **Tiffany Cawood** for outstanding effort and enthusiasm with reading, writing & spelling.
- R2** **Brianna Walker** for fantastic fraction work.
- R3** **Jana McFetridge** for a top result in reading
- R4** **Alex Pudney & Dion McFetridge** For outstanding effort in topic work.

Class Awards

- R1** **Mikayla Tumata-Lane**
Jack Bradley-Coombes
Quinn Remnant
- R2** **Paige Elliott**
Justin Hills
Tiamo Johnson-Rongo
Kaia Bennett
James Macaskill-Smith
- R3** **Fabio Taylor-Eynon**
Tonya Gagiano
- R4** **Sam Goodey**
Catriona Nelson
Kaiflyn Bongers
Alex Pudney

Playground Star Winner

Taylah Collins-Pitman

Jump Jam Draw Winners

Lachlan Holt & Quinn Remnant