

Quote:

The moment you have children you forgive your parents everything.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Previously while living in Hawera and because all my family lived in Hamilton, I used to note Hamilton's weather and that the nights were colder than Taranaki, but even with the low degrees forecasted I haven't found the nights or mornings cold at all. It's unbelievable that today is the shortest day and that it's supposedly all up hill from here!

Winter Sports Day

The children, the staff and I are really looking forward to the inter-school sport on Wednesday. This is the Lower Waipa Winter Sports Tournament involving six schools. Many thanks to the parents who have offered transport, this is much appreciated. The Room 3 and 4 students are involved and Mr Zac Taylor, Miss Sarah Grant and myself will all be involved. Thanks so much to those parents who are managing teams.

We will be leaving the school at 9.00 am and returning to school by 3.00pm. If you could make sure please that children have enough food and drink for the day (no bought lunches) and something warm to wear (school sweatshirt, coat if necessary). School uniform is compulsory.

Library Books

All library books need to be back at school by next Monday please. If you have any library books belonging to the school that haven't been returned in the past we would really appreciate these being returned, we won't growl about any you find, we will be very grateful to have outstanding books back—no questions asked. Many thanks.

School Home Readers

Could all home readers be returned by the end of the week PLEASE. The staff will be doing a stock take of the school readers as there are a large number missing. If you have any at home we would be very grateful if you could have them back to us by the end of the week.

Beaut Pies Fundraiser

Order forms are with this newsletter. I have heard that these pies are magnificent and I have already been asked by a few parents for the order form as they are popular with their friends too. Just a reminder orders back Week 1, Term 2. Delivery date 30th July.

Playgroup / Morning Tea Morning

Anyone is welcome to the playgroup / morning tea get together in the Community Hall Red Room **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.

Hearing & Vision

The Hearing and Vision Nurse will be here Tuesday 29th June for catch ups.

Silent Auction for Firewood

The school recently had a large oak tree felled on the east fence side. There is a considerable amount of firewood. We have started a silent auction on it (in the office). Please phone the office with your bid or place a bid on the auction sheet. Highest bidder at the end of the term receives the firewood.

Rukuhia School Newsletter

Term Two - Week Ten

21 June 2010

School Bags

We received a letter from the Hillcrest Spinal Centre regarding heavy school bags and poor posture which leads to back and neck pain. As part of the Centres celebrating 40 years in Hamilton they are offering 30 minute consultations during the school holidays to provide information and individualized guidance on school bags and posture. For each consultation they are asking for a donation of \$5 which will go to Plunket. "Do your children complain of headaches or back pain?" Heavy bags and poor posture are the two leading causes. Phone for an appointment and tell the receptionist it's for the \$5 check up. Phone 07 856 6442.

Scholastic Books


Scholastic Books have sneaked a special edition "Winter Book Club Sale" catalogue in before the holidays. If there are any books you would like to order please order them before the school holidays. Thank you.

Working Bee

While visiting in Hawera for the weekend I heard reports of pouring rain in Hamilton and thought that was the end of the working bee, BUT on arriving at school this morning I can see a huge difference in the gardens. Well done and many thanks to Tracy who I believe was on her own. I could see immediately a huge change in the gardens. Unfortunately the weather would have put many parents off. Owen will be at the school after school today I believe, if anyone is able to help finish off. Many thanks to Darren Oliver who water blasted the concrete for us on Saturday, much appreciated. Thank you also to Aaron Ingoe for making a compost bin, this is also very much appreciated.

Have a great week, hope to see some of you on Wednesday.

Kind Regards
Lynne Wilson



Winter Sports

This Wednesday 23rd June at 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 _____

Staff Notes...

Room 1 Jane Coles

Room 1 has been busy investigating and creating things that move, in relation to our inquiry topic—inventors and inventions. We have made snake kites, six sided kites, and we are finishing our wind socks. Many thanks to Quinn and Colleen for supplying the red material.

This Thursday children will be creating 'something that moves' which will be their own invention. Parents are more than welcome to join in from 11.30—12.45.

Our letters for this week are: w x v y z.

Our sight word are: we went over you.

Diagraphs blends are: wh th sh

Children will still be learning about fractions with the focus being on showing half, quarter, three quarters, one third, and two thirds. We will be looking at ordering fractions.

Thank you for returning all reading books promptly. I will be checking children's book bags.

Room 2 Leanne Adam

Two weeks to go until the holidays. We will be having a couple of busy weeks to get everything finished and assessed, ready for the break. This week we are going to be extending our thinking about inventions. We will be watching bits of "Cloudy with a chance of meatballs" so we can discuss why people get inspired to invent things. On Thursday we will start creating our inventions. If you are interested in helping out between 11.30 and 12.45 on Thursday, I would love to hear from you.

We have finished looking at descriptive writing and some children shared their writing with the school at assembly last Friday. Well done to those who shared.

There will be testing happening in class this week so that I have the latest data on your child for the end of term. It has been great to see the movement of children in reading, writing and spelling.

We will be asking for all reading books and library books to be back this Friday so we can do some stock taking over the holidays. Please have a good look at home and send in anything you find. The children will still be bringing home fluency books in week 11, however these will be books that have already been through the stock take.

Have a good safe week.

Room 3 Sarah Grant

As I write this, Friday 18th, Room 3 are in the middle of a high-powered finishing off day. The children are powering through tasks and tidying up all the loose ends, the results are fantastic! Come in and see us, the classroom is full of bright, well presented work of a very high standard, your children are stars!

We're on the downward straight now and into our creating for Invention Convention. Winter Sports on Wednesday—GO RUKUHIA GO!

Room 4 Zac Taylor

We are going to have a busy week, packing 5 days work into 4 (assuming the weather is clear enough for us to make it to the winter sports). Thanks so much to the parents that have responded with offers of help with transport and supervision. We are all looking forward to a great day.

Math in the coming weeks will largely consist of numeracy work, looking at basic facts again and number strategies. We will have a basic facts test at the end of next week so students should be working hard on sharpening them up again.

After looking at the process of inventing we will be looking at actually designing and inventing something with a purpose. This should be quite a fun part of our topical work.

I am so impressed with the effort everyone has made with their reading in the last couple of weeks. Keep it up.

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

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

Coming Events

22	Jun	BOT Meeting
23	Jun	Playgroup 10.00 am Hall
24	Jun	Winter Sports
29	Jun	Hearing & Vision Testing
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 – "baked not fried"

Fried foods are occasional foods as they are very high in fat.

Baked foods can have just as much fat as fried foods as they add the fat when making it, making them not necessarily a healthier choice.

Check the ingredient list and nutrition information panel first!

Awards 17th June

Principal Award

- R1 Milan Phillips** for always willing to 'go the extra mile' whether it is with her school work, helping others or cleaning up school work.
- R2 Olivia Karl** for fantastic, independent, self motivating work in class.
- R3 Summerlee Richardson** for being a caring class member and working in a co-operative, productive way.
- R4 Ada Nelson** for presenting in public so well.

Class Awards

- R1 Teegan Bennett**
Traydee Tahau
- R2 Savannah Bright**
Sophie McColl
Cayley Cawood
- R3 Rose Bradley-Coombes**
Jana McFetridge
- R4 Nikita Gagiano**
Catriona Nelson

Certificate Draw

- Catriona Nelson
- Playground Star Winner**
Leyton Elliott
- Jump Jam Draw Winner**
James Macaskill-Smith