

Quote:

Whoever said 'just say no' doesn't have kids.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

After all the reports of how wet and stormy the holidays were going to be we were lucky enough to have the most magnificent weather for most of the holidays, it was hard to believe it wasn't spring!

We are really pleased to have two new enrolments today Noriaga Tahau (Aga) a new entrant to join children in Room 1 and Nicholas Townsend (Nick) Year 8 who will join the Year 6, 7 and 8 children in Room 4.

Art Lunchtime Sessions

This term Jane Coles plans to hold art sessions during Monday lunchtimes for the senior students at first. The learning outcome for these sessions is: to explore a variety of materials and tools. Jane is on the lookout for a *sewing machine*, so if you have an old one at home that you are no longer using... we would love to use it at school please.

Coming Events

There are lots of fun things in the pipeline for Term 3, the school plans to have a Quiz night, a Hoe down for the children so look out for these dates. As I mentioned we will need help with the sponsorship prizes, chips and dip for the Quiz night but we will let you know closer to the date.

BOT

The Board of Trustees meeting is next Tuesday 27th July in the school staff room, visitors are welcome.

Silent Auction

Congratulations to Belinda Phillips who was the top bidder with \$50 for the silent auction for the oak firewood.

Finance and Accounts

We normally request that all school accounts be paid by the end of December, however with GST rising to 15% on October 1st 2010, it would be most helpful if school accounts could be cleared before GST rises. This would be most appreciated by Karin as it would lighten her workload immensely. Only 10 weeks to go before October! So please feel free to contact Karin if you have any queries on an outstanding balance. Internet payments are becoming the most popular way of paying accounts. We would really appreciate your cooperation with this. A new price list will come out for next year and items that we need to reorder this year will include 15% GST. Lunches will see a slight increase in October to reflect the GST increase.

Melville High School Visit

Every year Melville High School book a date with us for the Melville High Principal, Clive Hamill and some of their students to come and visit our school to let us know all about their school. This is a great opportunity for parents to come along and listen and ask any questions. This appointment has been scheduled for this Thursday the 22nd at 9.00 am in Room 4.

Rukuhia School Newsletter

Term Three - Week One

19 July 2010

Scholastic Books

These will be ordered this week and should arrive early next week. If you still have an order please get it to the office by Wednesday. Thank you.

Pie Orders

A reminder that pie orders are due in by Friday this week, delivery is the 30th July. Quickly get your orders from neighbours, family and colleagues.

Playgroup

Playgroup will resume again this week, Wednesday 21st July at 10.00 am. It would be great to see lots of Mums and little people in the hall.

Country Day

There seem to be a few calves and lambs in the paddocks at the moment. Time to start thinking about raising one for Country Day and Group Day. Mary-Ann Eason is arranging to get some lambs again shortly, so please let the office know if you wish to get one from her.

The Reekers family are willing to provide calves to anyone interested in raising a calf. These calves are no charge and feeds are done by the Reekers, all you have to do is spend time grooming and leading them. These calves will go back into the Reeker's herd at the end of Country Day.

Rukuhia school would like to thank both Mary-Ann Eason and the Reekers family for their ongoing support with these arrangements, it is really appreciated. Please leave your name at the office if you wish to source a calf or lamb, we will keep in touch with you and let you know when the animals are ready to take home. Information on raising your animal will be on the school website very soon and copies of this information is also available from the office.

If you already have an animal, please remember to record its date of birth.

Have a great week.



Kind Regards
Lynne Wilson

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

It has been lovely to hear all the holiday stories this morning. It sounds like the children enjoyed their break from school. Our letters for this week are: a e i o u, and our sight words are: and at in up. The blends/diagraphs are: th sh sh.

Our Social Science inquiry unit this term is: *Flying around the World*, with our focus being on *Australia*. Children will be bringing home news reporter cards over the next few weeks. I have set up a 'rock/pebble' display. Some of the gem stones are tiny and could easily slip into a pocket, and end up at home. I would appreciate you sending them back to school if this happens.

Other units for learning this term are:

Literacy - *writing explanations*

Mathematics - to continue to develop *number knowledge plus addition/subtraction skills/Length/Statistics*

PE and Health - *Social Dance / Gymnastics / Firewise Safety Programme*

The Arts - Visual Art: *Modelling* Drama: *Informal Presentation*

More information about these units as the term goes on. **During Week 3 the children will have Jenny Taris demonstrate some clay modelling.** Jenny is an accomplished potter and tutor. The cost for this session is \$7.50 each child. We plan to hold some lunchtime sausage sizzles to subsidize this cost. Reading books will be sent home from today, and children should have a book to read every week day. Thank you for listening to your child read at home - it has a positive impact on their progress.

Remember that spelling books need to come back to school this Friday.

Room 2 Leanne Adam

Welcome to the beginning of another term and welcome to Tiffany, Tray-Dee and Mikayla to Room 2. This term we will be working with play dough and clay, looking at being Fire Wise, social dancing and gymnastics, finding Heroes and Heroines around the world and of course literacy and numeracy.

Our writing focus will be recounts for the first few weeks and in maths we are working on basic facts, addition and subtraction and some students will be beginning to look at multiplication and division.

All students will have homework books this term and they should come home on Mondays and need to be back at school on Fridays. Fluency books should come home every night and having your child read to you does make a difference to their learning.

I will be having a big push on children taking responsibility this term, particularly with book bags and homework. Please help your child to be responsible for their book bag and make sure it comes to school daily. We will be working in a rewards and consequences system for book bags and homework this term.

Some students will need to renew their glue sticks and I will be sending home a note. I would like the students to all have head phones for their personal use on the computers or listening post. If you purchase these, please name them and only your child will use them.

If you have any concerns or queries, feel free to come and talk to me. It is going to be an exciting week and term.

Room 3 Jenny Scott

Welcome back everyone, it has been a long holiday! This week we are getting back into it! We are working on multiplication and division and for our Inquiry we are investigating Ancient Egypt. All children should bring home a reading book each day, let me know if they are forgetting to do this.

Room 4 Zac Taylor

Wow it's the first week of term already! The holidays have just flown by and I trust everyone got some valuable reading hours clocked up over the break.

This week will see us tidying up and finishing off our inventors and inventions topic. We will then move onto looking at heroes and leaders of Scotland. We will all be starting a novel study for the term and some students will be starting an extra reading program which will help boost their ability to read out loud.

The first couple of weeks will see us all writing speeches in preparation for the up and coming speech competitions. This will be a task worked on in class and at home.

I am looking forward to another very productive term with a lot of interesting learning happening in room 4.

Coming Events

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 pm

WINTER WARMERS

Brr... it's cold out there!

Now that winter is upon us its really important that we to keep eating healthy and stay active.

Winter tends to be a time when we eat more and hibernate inside.

This term you will get ideas about how to beat the winter blues and stay healthy.

Tip: Feeling cold? Do some star jumps to warm up!



Awards 2nd July

Principal Award

- R1 Mikayla Tumata-Lane**
Positive attitude to learning and for being supportive classroom member
- a R2 Olivia Karl**
Great thinking and implementing of your invention plan
- R3 Bayden Richardson**
For helping others out in a polite, instructional manner, always eager to lend a hand.
- R4 Lachlan Holt**
Behaving in a caring way and helping resolve a tricky situation.

Class Awards

- R1 Oliver Fitzgearld, Blake Tonkin, May Nelson**
- R2 Sky Taylor-Eynon, Cayley Ward, Brianna Walker, Kaia Bennett**
- R3 Ryan Marshall, Taylah Collins-Pitman**
- R4 Robert Graves**

Certificate Draw

- Brianna Walker**
- Playground Star Winner**
Quinn Remnant
- Jump Jam Draw Winner**
Dylan Lewis