

Quote:

It's not easy raising a teenager. Especially in the mornings!

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hear on the radio this morning that spring weather is about to hit us early this year. There are lots of jonquils and daffodils about already. Crazy!

Reports

Reports for your child/ren will be coming home on Friday. If you have any queries or concerns, you are very welcome to speak to the staff. These reports are a new way for us to report to you as well, as requested by the Government. The reports will be addressed to the Parent / Guardian of , so they should arrive home intact.

Clay Unit

The staff have arranged for Jenny Taris to work with the junior children on Tuesday August the 10th and the seniors date is yet to be decided. Jenny is a local well known potter, experienced with working with children and she will be working with the children on a clay modeling session which I know the children will really enjoy. At the end of the session the children will have a model. This is a really exciting learning experience for the children. Unfortunately to cover the cost of the session and materials provided is at a cost of \$7.50 per child. We have decided that if the children pay \$5.00 each, the staff will raise the balance of \$2.50. If all children could please have the \$5.00 needed as soon as possible to Karin in the office it would be much appreciated.

\$5.00 per child for clay modeling.

Hot Dog & Jellies

YES this is how we will raise the extra needed to cover the cost of clay modeling. Hot Dogs \$2.50, will be available on Thursdays for the children to purchase and the jellies \$1.00. Orders and money to Karin by Wednesday if you can please, or at least before school on Thursdays. We will provide this service until further notice.

Lunchtime Football

Many thanks to Ewen Graves who has been taking lunchtime football when he is available. The children love to be organized and work with an adult, so Ewen's help is much appreciated.

Home Play Challenge

The school have registered for the 2010 Home Play Challenge and Wendy the Engergizer lady from Sport Waikato outlined the programme at assembly on Friday. The teachers received an information book which outlines the programme.

- The programme is over a four week period
- Children receive a new card each week with the week's challenges i.e. walk or jog with someone / make an obstacle course and time how long it takes / ball passes to a friend or a wall / try and beat your best score etc.
- The children complete and record the challenges they do.

Staff will promote and encourage these challenges each day and will link to curriculum and talk about it in class. Staff will talk to the children today, and hand out relevant cards.

Beaut Pie Orders

Thank you to those families who gathered some orders. This is much appreciated. They will be arriving Friday morning. Thank you to Jen Carter who has offered to help sort them out. Please make sure you come and collect your orders on Friday because unfortunately we do not have a lot of space in the school freezer to store them. Thank you.

Country Day

A reminder to get your name to the office if you are wanting a lamb, goat or calf for country day. Information and Registrations will be out early next week.

Assembly

It is SO important to celebrate success and assembly does mean a lot to the children. To have a sing song together and celebrate each others success creates a lovely safe, warm, caring culture in the school. It is SO good to see so many parents and extended family at assembly on a Friday and I don't know if you realise how much this means to the children, so thanks for that.

Well have a great week everyone!



Kind Regards
Lynne Wilson



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!

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

Children have settled back into school beautifully. Thank you to those parents/caregivers who are listening to their child read at home, and thanks for helping your child learn their high frequency words. Children are tested every Friday to see if they have learnt their words, and then they are given a new set of words. Children have 100 words to learn in Room 1!

Our letters for this week are: g t j, and our high frequency words are: come is over an. The blends/diagraphs are: gr thr.

We are just beginning to look at *Australia*. Children have been sharing their knowledge and experiences about Australia. Each day last week we read a book by an Australian author. Feel free to send in any books about Australia.

This week is *Maori Language Week*. Our focus is greetings, colours, waiata and stories.

Thank you to those families that sent spelling books last Friday. The children worked hard over the holidays learning extra words. I was impressed.

Monday Lunchtime Art Sessions

It was great to see Room 4 students *creating* last week. They are learning about a process of painting on fabric, and we will be showing off the product at the end. I am still on the lookout for an old sewing machine in working order....please.

Room 2 Leanne Adam

Kia Ora from Room 2. This week we are continuing with our social dancing, learning to count to 10 in Maori and learning some new songs in Maori. Ask your children to show you their learning later in the week. Rueben the Bear is coming to visit on Friday to share his road safety message.

Thank you to all the students who remembered their homework books on Friday. Remember that they come home on Monday and back to school - completed - on Friday.

We have started looking at being Firewise and your child should have bought home a book with firewise information and DVD. Please go over this with your child, especially a 'safe place' to meet if there is a fire at your home. Ask your child what to do if the smoke alarm goes off at home. They should all have the message by now. Some of the children have been sharing their family plan and its great to see them being serious and responsible about this. The big message last week was that matches and lighters are not toys and if the smoke alarm goes off, they need to get down, get low, get out.

Remember homework and book bags!

Room 3 Jenny Scott

Welcome to week 3 in Room 3! The students have begun their Egypt studies with Mrs. Scott and it looks exciting already. We worked on an art project on Friday and soon you will be able to come and see our classics on the wall. Only half of our homework books are in, it would be appreciated if these could be hunted out from under beds and sent back to school. This week for homework we are doing the Home-based Play Challenge, which consists of physical tasks - should be lots of fun. Remember we're always here if you need us, the home-school partnership is one of the most important in your child's life and it's great we can all contribute in a positive constructive way!

Room 4 Zac Taylor

This week is the start of our push play homework. Room 4 want to win the games session with Wendy, so we will be hanging out to get the completed and signed return slips every morning!

Now that everyone has decided on an invention we will be developing our concepts and presenting our ideas. It would be great for everyone to keep an eye out for information and cool stuff relating to Scotland and the Heroes and leaders of Scotland. This is our next topic.

Everyone should be into their novel study for the term, summarizing each chapter as they go.

The first couple of weeks will see us all writing speeches in preparation for the up and coming speech competitions. All of room 4's speeches will be based on the topic of 'My Hero'.

I will be having a classroom release day on Wednesday and Miss Grant will be in for the day looking at some Te Reo and Art.

Coming Events

30	Jul	Reports home
4	Aug	Playgroup
5	Aug	Year 7&8 Immunisations
13	Aug	School Photographs
18	Aug	Playgroup
1	Sep	Playgroup
15	Sep	Playgroup
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

Assemblies are on EVERY Friday at 2.15 pm

Community Notices

Rukuhia Community Hall Society AGM

30 August 2010
7.30 pm

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Awards 23rd July

Principal Award

- R1 Pianika Anderson**
For her outstanding attitude to learning this week
- R2 Kaia Bennett**
For his kind, caring attitude towards other children
- R3 Rose Bradley-Coombes**
For being a generous, kind friend and role model to others
- R4 Kaitlyn Bongers**
For a very impressive reading chain

Class Awards

- R1 May Nelson, Quinn Remnant**
- R2 Kristianna Clark, Paige Elliott, Tiamo Johnson-Rongo**
- R3 Ryan Marshall, Kate Pudney**
- R4 Brandon Singers, Harshaan Nagra**

Certificate Draw

Harshaan Nagra

Playground Star Winner

Traydee Tahau

Jump Jam Draw Winner

Quinn Remnant