

Quote: *Life is like reading a book, why would you want to go back and read bits you already have?*

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Photographs

Firstly, apologies, the school photo date has changed and is now MONDAY 30th AUGUST. The Photolife company were very good about changing the date and I hope that it doesn't inconvenience people too much. It was unfortunate that the staff were not all able to be at school on the Friday. Many thanks for your patience. Individual photographs and portraits will be done in the morning and class photographs will be taken after lunch.

RSCC / PTA / Fundraising Meeting — Tomorrow 3.15pm

Until it has been established as to whether we work under the RSCC as in the past or set up a PTA, Craig Tonkin on the Board of Trustees whose portfolio is 'Community' will be attending the RSCC meetings and help arrange fundraising events. The school plans to have a Quiz Night later this term and we will have the details out to you next week. We will need help with platters for the tables and supper, children will receive points for any things we ask for. We look forward to your support with this, it will be a fun event. You could start organising your team!!

Scholastic Book Orders

These will be ordered tomorrow so please bring in your order slips first thing tomorrow morning.

Readers for Guided Reading Programme

\$4000 worth of readers have arrived today, to support the guided reading programme. Unfortunately the school is very short of the PM readers right throughout the school and the \$4000 worth of readers purchased will service Rooms 1 & 2. The PM readers have controlled vocabulary, with the plot and themes being particularly targeted with specific age children in mind and some brilliant artists and authors involved.

These books are standard purchases for all schools. The staff and I are very grateful to the Board for their understanding of the need to build up the guided reading material in the school and have agreed to make this a focus over the next two years. I know there have been a number of parents who have wondered why their child at times had no home reader, this was due to the fact that there might have been only been one book of that title so the group had to share. Thanks to the Board for their support with this. Hence too the need for fundraising this year. Each of the readers is at a cost of \$7.80 a copy so we do ask that these are respected and looked after.

Accounts

Karin and I would like to thank parents for their prompt payment of their accounts, this makes our life so much easier. With GST increasing on October 1st it would be great if all outstanding accounts could be paid.

Rukuhia School Newsletter

Term Three - Week Four

9 August 2010

Clay

Rooms 1 & 2 will be working with Jenny Taris on their clay project tomorrow. I know the children are looking forward to this and the staff. Thank you for the \$5 the children need for this. If there is anyone in Room 1 & 2 who haven't yet paid, we would be grateful for this to be handed into the office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Country Day

A huge thank you to MaryAnn for arranging the lambs again this year for the children. Everyone who had asked for a lamb now have these and I know the children with lambs will have lots of fun. For those that have requested a calf, we will advise shortly when they will be ready to visit.

Kind Regards
Lynne Wilson



Awards 6th August

Principal Award

- R1 **Jack Bradley-Coombes**
For his remarkable attitude towards learning
- R2 **Cayley Ward**
For excellent effort and attitude with everything she does
- R3 **Divnoor Mann**
For excellent work with tables
- R4 **Brandon Singers**
Tech sewing

Class Awards

- R1 **Blake Tonkin, Pianika Anderson**
- R2 **Sky Taylor-Eynon, Kristianna Clark, Tiamo Johnson-Rongo**
- R3 **Kate Pudney, Tahlia Johnson-Rongo, Ryan Marshall**
- R4 **Brandon Singers, Vaughan Bennett**

Certificate Draw

Brandon Singers

Playground Star Winner

Dion McFetridge

Jump Jam Draw Winner

Teegan Bennett

Staff Notes...

Room 1 Jane Coles

Our letters for this week are: g o u l f and our high frequency words are: go on up look. The blends/diagraphs are: gr fr.

We had a busy week last week with finishing off pieces of work (have look around the walls in Room 1, and outside Rooms 1 and 2). The children had a play with a salt/flour dough mix, then sculptured their masterpieces.

We will let the 'creations' dry, and plan to paint them at a later stage.

Tomorrow is the clay modelling session with Jenny Taris. We are all looking forward to her visit. I am hoping that everyone has paid by now for this session.

For our shared book we have been reading *Mrs Wishy-Washy stories*. The children have just loved these stories - if you have any of the series at home please let me know. During our **shared book time** the children 'read with me', and we focus on things such as: where to begin reading, locating high frequency words, discussing punctuation, identifying the difference between one letter/one word, retelling the story, replacing specific vocabulary, and taking apart sentences. As a follow up to the shared story, the children may act it out, produce a piece of artwork, use puppets in role play, or write a different ending.

Room 2 Leanne Adam

Haere Mai to Room 2. On Tuesday this week we are having our clay day and are really looking forward to this. Miss Grant will be in Room 2 on Tuesday and I will be testing our new 6 year olds! We will be continuing our dancing for PE and will hopefully learn a new dance this week.

As well as looking at Fairy tales, we will also be looking at Heroes and Heroines in different countries. Your child will bring home a country this week. If you have a preference, feel free to change it.

Thank you to all the children who bought their book bags and homework books on Friday. It makes it so much easier to check their homework and spelling on Fridays. So keep up the good work kids. All children who bring their homework books on Friday go in the class prize draw on Friday.

Room 3 Sarah Grant & Jenny Scott

This week we are continuing with our Egyptian art. The year five students are delivering their speeches on Monday with Room 4 and on Wednesday afternoon the whole class will present theirs. You are welcome to come along and listen. In maths we are continuing our number work and one group is moving into algebra (very exciting). Our journey down the River Nile is more interesting every day. We are learning how to greet, introduce ourselves and ask how we are feeling in French. It will be another exciting week at Rukuhia School.

Room 4 Zac Taylor

This week is the third week of our push play homework. Get active get excited and get those return slips in room 4!

Today we are doing our speeches in class, the top scoring speeches will be presenting at assembly this week.

Due to the amount of time we spent last week working on our speeches this week will be heavy in maths, with students doing two sessions a day some days. We will be starting a class novel study, where students will listen to the story, answer questions and do activities. We will be reading Tomorrow When the War Began.

School Accounts

Account details if paying by Internet Banking:

Name of Account: For Rukuhia School Account Number: 020316 0126515 00

Note:

Please use your surname as a reference so we can identify your payment. Thank you

Coming Events

10	Aug	Clay Day
10	Aug	RSCC/PTA Meeting 3.15
18	Aug	Playgroup
21	Aug	Lake Cameron Planting
24	Aug	Gymnastics
30	Aug	School Photographs
30	Aug	Hall Committee AGM
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

Community Notices

House for Sale

63 Rukuhia Road

\$398,000 (RV \$470.00)

3 large bedrooms plus office or 4th bedroom
Extra large outside room with water and heat pump

Call Sheree Hopgood for further details

17 843 3500 or 021 127 0030

Lake Cameron Planting Day

21 August at 10.00 am followed by BBQ

For enquiries call Bev 843 3765

Rukuhia Community Hall Society

AGM - 30 August 2010 - 7.30 pm

WINTER WARMERS

SOUP

Soup is great warmer for a cold winter's day. Serve with some wholegrain bread for a warm and tasty lunch or dinner. Try this yummy vegetable soup recipe:

- 1 onion chopped
- 2-3 cups chopped veg – pumpkin, kumara, carrot, parsnip etc
- 1 1/2 litres water or stock
- 1/2 cup skim milk powder
- 2 tbsp plain flour

Add veg, onion, water/stock into a pot, simmer until veges are very soft. Mix flour, milk powder and a little water into a smooth paste. Add to soup and simmer until creamy.

LUNCH & PLAY

Healthy Active Ideas

Energize Tip Sheets

Over the next few weeks, you will receive some NEW Energize Tip Sheets that you can put on your fridge and will provide you with some great tips and messages.

So stick them on the fridge and remember...
EAT HEALTHY, BE ACTIVE, HAVE FUN!

