



Quote: Amnesia:

A condition that enables a woman who has been through labour, to do it again.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Well another busy week last week. Term 3 is usually a quiet term but every term seems to be busy now, fun though!

Welcome / Farewell

We welcome to Rukuhia school Jake Graves who started with us last Friday. We farewell Summerlee Richardson who moved to the South Waikato, we wish you all the best.

Speeches

Rooms 3 and 4 presented their speeches to their class last week and the quality of the content was extremely high. With the topic being "My Hero" it was interesting to hear the different ways children interpreted this topic. I really enjoyed listening to all the speeches. Three children were chosen to represent the school at Ohaupo School last Thursday evening; Vaughan Bennett, Alex Pudney and Kerrin Riches. The time line for the Waipa Competition was very short so thanks to these children's family for having them at the competition at short notice. Vaughan was placed 2nd in her Y8 group. Congratulations to these three children who were happy to represent the school.

School Photographs: MONDAY 30TH AUGUST

A reminder that these are now on Monday 30th August. Individual photographs in the morning and class photographs in the afternoon. All photo money needs to be in to the office before photo day please. Spare order forms are available and credit card payment is also an option. Thank you.

Recycling

Please bring in your paper recycling and pop it into our BLUE recycle bin near the pool car park. Our paper recycling is collected when full and the school receives free trees by WEIGHT of our recycling effort. So please feel free to pop your paper in our recycle bin. The school also collects empty, small printer cartridges for recycling. These can be placed in the box provided in the school foyer. Thank you for your help!

Social

We have sprung a school social for all students and families on this Friday evening. We need to celebrate as we have had a full on 3rd term with speeches, gymnastics and reports. There is no charge for entry but please bring some change for..... sausage sizzle, pop corn and drinks. Come down for a boogie and a social time.

Starts 6.00pm till 9.00pm.

School Website

Mrs Karin McFetridge has been updating the school website and has included medical consent forms, uniform order forms and the latest survey/questionnaire. These forms and more are all available to download and to save you coming to the office for them.

RSCC/PTA - Every 1st Wed of the month at 7.00pm

Quiz Night !! September 17th

We would love it if you have any small items that could be utilised as prizes on the night. Start thinking of putting a team together. Supper will be provided, but we ask that every team bring their own platter or snacks on the night. The charge will be \$10 per person and a MAXIMUM of six players per team.

There will be a bar serving beer, wine, premix drinks and non alcoholic drinks. Those that would like transport home, this can be arranged.

Produce Stand

If you have any surplus, herbs, fruit or veggies, please bring them down to the produce stand. We are very lucky to have grapefruit and lemons from our neighbor and we thank the Hoppood's for the plants they have donated to the produce stand.

Accounts Those with account balances have a summary enclosed with today's newsletter. Any queries please see Karin in the office.

Enviro Group

Spring is just around the corner and the enviro group is starting to get prepared. This **Tuesday lunchtime 1-1.45** (will be postponed if raining) we will be meeting at the orchard/garden area to: plant potatoes; check the worm farms; feed the fruit trees; finish off the shade structure; plant the strawberries and have a general tidy up. If any parent and/or whanau would like to come and help us, we would love to see you there. Later in the term we will be planting our raised gardens with spring veggies for the children to harvest later in the year. If you have some time to come and share everyone is welcome.

Head lice

PLEASE continue checking your children's hair for headlice and their eggs. This seems to be reoccurring at the moment. All eggs need to be removed from the hair as the eggs sometimes still hatch after the treatment and away goes the cycle again. We strongly advise for children to wear their hair tied back and to even spray with a little hair-spray or comb through conditioner. Unfortunately we need to call parents to collect their children if a child is in need of treatment. We really would like everyone's cooperation in remedying this reoccurring problem.

New Readers

Thanks to Rebecca Berridge who is stamping, dating and binding all the spines of the new readers, for which we are really grateful, a huge job. Room 1 and 2 have begun using the readers, it has made a huge difference to have enough books to service the whole group.

Country Day

For the children who are not involved with lambs, goats or calves the staff and I will be arranging some fun activities for them in the classroom. The children without lambs, goats and calves will be out and about as well to watch some of the judging and presentations to the successful contestants. I believe Country Day is lots of fun and am really looking forward to this event.

Calves will be ready in a few weeks time and we have been informed that there are leads available also—so there is no need to purchase calf leads for those who are getting a calf from the Reekers. We hope to have the judges come out to the school as we did last year. A date for this is yet to be confirmed.

BOT

There is a notice board in the foyer with updates of the BOT including minutes and reports. The BOT now have an email if any correspondence needs to sent their way. It is bot@rukuhia.schoolzone.net.nz

Clay

Rooms 1 and 2 really enjoyed their work experience with Jenny Taris and working with clay. The children made some amazing lizards and Room 1 made handprint tiles which Jenny has taken away to fire. It was a really worth while session and congratulations to Leanne and Jane for the cleaning up afterwards!! Here are some photographs of the clay project. Jenny Taris is coming in the next few weeks to work with the middle and senior school.

Kind Regards
Lynne Wilson



Staff Notes...

Room 1 Jane Coles

Our letters for this week are: b v j z w and our high frequency words are: big in looked we. The blends/diagraphs are: br wh.

Room 1 children enjoyed a fabulous clay session last Tuesday with Jenny Taris. Jenny demonstrated some different techniques, and showed the children how to make a lizard. The children created some amazing lizards and snakes. Jenny was impressed with their skill in manipulating the clay. The children also made a hand print clay tile. We look forward to these items being fired in a kiln. Many thanks to my helpers on the day - Melanie Fitzgerald, Kanwal and Sukhbir Mann. This week our poem is called 'vegetables', and Room 1 children will be asked to bring along a vegetable suitable to go in a soup. The children will be making soup for lunch on Wednesday. I would really appreciate a parent helper to supervise the soup cooking on the stove top, so if you can help out from 11.00 am on Wednesday please let me know.

Room 2 Leanne Adam

Tena Koutou from Room 2. Our clay day was a great success last week and all the children will have something wonderful to show for it after it has been fired. On Tuesday this week we have the fire engine coming in the afternoon to finish off our firewise unit. This is of course dependent on the engine not being called out to a fire! We have now learnt 3 dances at PE and hope to show them off on Friday at the social. The year 3's will be beginning to work on their speeches this week and the year 1 and 2's will need to select a poem to learn and recite in class. Watch out for the notice in their homework books.

The children have all selected a country that they would like to find a hero or heroine in and they should bring home some information on Monday as well. If using the internet at home is an issue, please send the form back to school and we will help them.

Please check out your child's poem book (it should be in their book bag) and have them share the poems we have been learning over the last couple of weeks. They are the words to the songs in Te Reo that we have been singing in class. Most of these songs can be found on youtube if you want to hear the music. Congratulations to Monique who won the class prize draw on Friday. Ask your child how they get their names in the tin! It is a great incentive for remembering book bags and doing homework among other things.

Room 3 Sarah Grant & Jenny Scott

Everyone is thrilled in room 3 this week, and the new homework books are the reason! These go out on a Monday and need to be back on a Friday, please encourage your child to read every night and to learn their spelling words! Congratulations on the amazing speeches the children delivered, Mrs. Scott and I were very proud.

Room 4 Zac Taylor

Wow week 5 already! Welcome to Jake, who has joined our class. Two weeks left for novel studies. Keep up the amazing reading effort everyone! This week we are starting to write narratives this week and some of our reading work will be looking closely at the structure and layout of narratives. Gymnastics is in full swing and we have been having a lot of fun working on balancing activities.



Clay Session Pics



Coming Events

18	Aug	Playgroup
20	Aug	School Social
21	Aug	Lake Cameron Planting
23	Aug	BOT Meeting 7pm
24	Aug	Gymnastics
30	Aug	School Photographs
30	Aug	Hall Committee AGM
1	Sep	RSCC/PTA 7pm
1	Sep	Playgroup
15	Sep	Playgroup
17	Sep	Quiz Night
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



Awards 13th August

Principal Award

- R1 Pianika Anderson**
For excellent writing with Mrs Wilson
- R2 Savanah Bright**
For a fantastic effort in class in all areas
- R3 Jana McFetridge**
For an outstanding speech delivered with confidence and clarity
- R4 Callum McColl**
Excellent effort put into his speech writing

Class Awards

- R1 Liah Berridge, Quinn Remnant**
- R2 Kaia Bennett, Traydee Tahau, Sophie Ingoe**
- R3 Tangaroa Tuwhangai, Kate Pudney**
- R4 Robert Graves, Vaughan Bennett, Kerrin Riches, Alex Pudney, Sam Goodey, Jorja Liddle**

Certificate Draw

Sam Goodey

Playground Star Winner

Liah Berridge

Jump Jam Draw Winner

May Nelson