



**Quote:**

*A good friend never gets in your way unless you are on the way down.*

**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

My congratulations to the staff and their parents helpers who arranged the social for last Friday night. The night was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone. The staff put a lot of time and effort into the social, the sole purpose for the social was for the children to enjoy and parents a couple of hours off, and to cover costs, NOT a fundraising exercise. Thanks so much to the staff and their helpers for their time and effort. I could see that the children had a fun time. Thanks so much to the Cath Knpton and Aaron Ingoe for donating prizes for the games and to Kevin & Karen Elliott for the popcorn they sponsored. Thanks to Robyn Graves and children for their help with decorations, to Kim and Murray Holt for their help in the kitchen and to Owen and Tracy Pratt for supplying the plants to enhance the jungle atmosphere. A huge thank to all the parents for your support with the night.

**Welcome**

We welcomed three new children to Room 1 last week: Lexi Emerson, Sjayne Evans and Navraj Mann. Welcome to these children who have already settled well into Rukuhia School.

**Dental Nurse**

The Dental Nurses are to begin working with our children at the beginning of September. The Nurses will not be working in the school, the children will have to be taken to Glenview. There will be appointments sent out to parents re children's check ups, BUT if you would like your children's teeth seen to or you have any problems the Dental Nurse is more than happy for you to ring and make an appointment. Number below to put on your fridge.

**Dental Nurse**  
**Glenview School Dental Clinic**  
**Bruce Avenue**  
**Phone 843 5899**

**Daffodil Day**

As you will know it is Daffodil Day on Friday and we would really appreciate a gold coin donation from the children and we have the daffodil stickers at the school for the children. Many thanks.

**Gymnastics**

On Tuesday the following children will be representing us at the Central Waikato Primary School Gymnastics Competition. Mr Zac Taylor has been working hard with the children for the last three weeks and have practiced to a high standard. Thanks too to Miss Grant who has helped by releasing Mr Taylor so that he is able to work with the children. The following children will be representing the school:

Eden & Jorja Liddle, Chelsea Graves, Callum McColl, Mitchell Eason, Sam Goodey, Joshua Pratt, Ada Nelson, Kerrin Riches and Dylan Lewis. We will be leaving the school at 11.15am and many thanks to the parents who have offered transport which is much appreciated. Good luck to the team.

**VOTE VOTE VOTE**

Mr Bruce Tocker, previous Treasurer on the Board of Trustees was nominated for the Kiwi Battler award along with others in the Waikato. The winner of this award can receive up to \$20,000.00 for a nominated charity/organisation. Bruce has nominated the Rukuhia Community Hall which currently has a mortgage. Spread the word AND make sure you vote for Bruce, who if he wins or gains a place, would like to see Rukuhia Community Hall benefit. Check out the website and vote for Bruce as he has the best for Rukuhia in mind:  
[www.kiwibattler.co.nz](http://www.kiwibattler.co.nz) (click on vote for your battler)

**Rukuhia School Newsletter**

**Term Three - Week Six**

**23 August 2010**

**Yummy Stickers**

Thanks so much to so many people who supply the school with yummy stickers which gain sports equipment for the school. The closing date for the yummy stickers is the 20th September so if you can collect as many as you are able and drop them to the school this would be much appreciated.

**Quiz Evening**

We already have some teams enrolled for the Quiz evening so make sure you get a team of up to six ready for the night.

You will need: to pay for your entry (\$10 per person), bar money, money for raffle and bribes, cheque book for anything unforeseen!, some nibbles for your table.

As parents if you could get people outside the school into your team that would be wonderful.

**Country Day**

Parents we do need your help with some items for the raffle. We will be having a grocery raffle and would really appreciate some grocery items from each family. It would be great to have some goodies we don't usually buy for ourselves, treat things. We do need these as soon as possible so that we are able to make up the raffle. The other thing is that we will be sending out raffle tickets for families to sell. Each family will receive a card with 10 x \$1 tickets to sell. For each card a family sells the family name will go into a draw to win a Warehouse Voucher.

Grocery items, biscuits, vouchers anything you would like to see in a lovely grocery or fun hamper. If when you get your raffle tickets in a couple of weeks these could be back as soon as possible that would be great. I did mention grocery items to the children at assembly on Friday and thanks to four families this morning who sent grocery items.

**Hot Dogs & Jelly**

These will be available each Thursday until the end of Term. We have the loveliest soft buns now available and a wonderful variety of coloured jellies which the children seem to really enjoy. The look on their faces too when they get their hot dog is "precious" and they are all hungry little mites when they come for them at lunch time.

**Accounts**

Just another quick reminder that GST rises on 1st October. Please try to pay off the school account before then. This would be a huge help for Karin. Thank you.

Well that is it for this week, we are now in the second half of the Term, where does the time go. Have a great week.

Kind Regards  
 Lynne Wilson

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - NEXT MONDAY !**

**Staff Notes...**

**Room 1 Jane Coles**

Our letters for this week are: y x I s q and our high frequency words are: you it is at. The blend/digraph is: st.

Thank you for sending in the vegetables for the soup making last week. Most of the children thought that the soup was delicious. Many thanks to Sharlene Marshall for coming in to help us. The children took some super photographs - have a look at our school website.

Room 1 children will be reciting a poem or nursery rhyme in front of the class this Friday, 27th August. Parents are more than welcome to come along and listen. We will start at 11.35 am. We have been reading nursery rhymes in class already. Children can choose their own nursery rhyme or poem, so if your child has a favourite one please let me know. The purpose of this task is: to develop oral language skills.

**Room 2 Leanne Adam**

Tena Koutou from Room 2. Our visit from the fireman was great on Tuesday, however it was disappointing that they didn't bring the fire engine. Hopefully all our children are now wiser about the dangers of fire and what to do if they are involved in a fire. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for giving us a fire drill at school on Friday also! Our Year 3 speech writing is coming along and they should be proud of the independent effort they have made so far. I hope all Year 1 & 2 students are practicing their poems. Remember that poems have to be a minimum of 8 lines. Our poem recital and speeches will be on this Friday after 11.30. Our investigation into heroes and heroines from other countries is progressing. Some children have made a great start.

Congratulations to Monique who won the class prize draw on Friday again! This draw is totally random and all children have a chance to win. 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**

It is week six already!!! This week we are concentrating on the inquiry part of our Egyptian work. The children write an open question on an aspect that interests them and then research it. The skills they are building are selecting the information that answers their question and rewriting it in their own words. Your children are working really hard in all curriculum areas and in particular they are enjoying the social dancing that we are doing. We have a repertoire of five folk dances now and this week we are beginning our creative dancing. Remember to pop in and see what your children are doing, they are very proud of the work they do.

**Room 4 Zac Taylor**

Novel Studies, novel studies, novel studies! Novel chains are due at the end of this week. Some people have got some hard work ahead of them this week. Well done to those who are up to date or even finished already!

We will be doing a lot of narrative writing and reading work this week. In maths most groups will be looking at subtraction strategies. Keep up the basic facts practice we have a 100 speed test coming up.

The art work students did with Miss Grant is looking fantastic and is on its way up onto our walls.

We are speeding through our listening novel study, 'Tomorrow when the War Began' seeing a lot of productive work coming from the reading sessions.

**Coming Events**

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



**Awards 20th August**

**Principal Award**

- R1 Ben Marshall**  
For outstanding attitude to learning and for using his initiative.
- R2 Brianna Walker**  
For creative, independent writing of her speech.
- R3 Shanae Bennett**  
For being an excellent, well behaved student and role model for others.
- R4 Catriona Nelson**  
For being a positive and productive senior in our school.

**Class Awards**

- R1 Aga Tahau, Liah Berridge, May Nelson**
- R2 Abigail Pratt, Tiffany Cawood, Madison Rockliffe**
- R3 Taylah Collins-Pitman, Rahul Sami**
- R4 Mitchell Eason, Nick Townsend,**

**Certificate Draw**

- Ben Marshall**
- Playground Star Winner**  
**Gabriel Liddle**
- Jump Jam Draw Winner**  
**Sam Goodey**

**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.

**WINTER WARMERS**

**MOUSE TRAPS**

Mmmmm... mouse traps! A nice warm and healthy lunch is mouse traps. Get creative and use spaghetti, corn, baked beans to mix up the flavours.

**Ingredients:** Wholemeal bread, Marmite or relish, grated edam cheese.

Heat oven to 220°C. Spread marmite or relish over slice of bread. Sprinkle with a little grated cheese. Place on hot oven tray and bake 5-10 minutes till golden and crunchy.

**Tip -** these can keep in an airtight container as well making a great snack for any time of day.

**WINTER WARMERS**

**MINI PIZZAS**

Mini Pizzas are a great dinner to warm you up on a wet and cold day. Add lots of your favourite veg to make it super tasty.

Use a mini pita bread as the base for the pizza. Spread tomato puree onto the base and add your choice of toppings - sliced courgette, mushroom, capsicum, broccoli, sliced tomato, pineapple pieces, ham, salami, baked beans etc. Sprinkle with grated edam cheese.

Bake in oven for about 20mins.