

Quote:

He who smiles rather than rages is always the stronger.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome

We welcome Kelly-Joe Scandlyn to Room 1. Kelly- Joe started on Tuesday last week. She is the fourth generation to come through Rukuhia School and her grandfather is responsible for donating the school gates.

Gymnastics

Our children were very successful at the gymnastics. The boys team were placed 1st and the girls very close to 3rd. The children enjoyed the competitive experience and interacting with the other schools. Well done and congratulations to Mr Taylor the coach and the children. Many thanks too to Mrs Sharron Goodey who managed the boys team and to all the parents who provided transport and supported the children at the event.

Dental Nurse

Just a reminder that the Dental Nurse will be issuing appointments for checks these appointments will be at the Glenview School Dental Clinic. If anyone has any problems you are welcome to ring for an appointment.

Dental Nurse
Glenview School Dental Clinic
Bruce Avenue
Phone 843 5899

Ed Alive Brochures

These are enclosed with today's newsletter. The school will receive free products from the catalogue depending on how many items are sold. A great idea for Christmas gifts.

Working with Clay

Room 4 will be working with Jenny Taris tomorrow and Room 3 on Tuesday 14th September.

Room 1 & 2 Speeches

Congratulations to the children in Rooms 1 & 2 who presented their speeches to the children in their class and visitors. Presenting a speech takes a lot of courage and these little people did so well.

Country Day

With Country Day coming up fast, we are asking that all trophies be returned please, it would be much appreciated.

Country Day Raffle

Thank you so much to the families who have sent us some amazing groceries for the raffle, your generosity is much appreciated. We hope to approach Bunnings for support by donating a wheelbarrow for all the goodies. We are looking for some treaty stuff as well now, little fun things for kids from warehouse? Some bars of chocolate? Thank you so much.

Raffle Tickets

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, each family will receive a card for the raffle and we are asking each family to sell 10 tickets. If you would like a second or third card that would be marvellous. It would be great to sell these outside our school community. Further tickets will be available on country day for visitors to purchase.

Pirongia Craft Day

This is to be held on Saturday the 25th September 2010 between 9.00am to 3.00 pm on Franklin Street, Pirongia.

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Staffroom Table

Surprise, surprise, the school is short of money and the poor staff room table is collapsing. If anyone has a table they are taking to the mart or replacing we would really appreciate purchasing or a donation!!! Of a table not too big.

Playgroup

This Wednesday the playgroup will be in Room 1. Sharlene will be there to greet you. The reason for this is that Mrs Jane Coles' partner who is the music teacher at Te Awamutu College is bringing his junior band to our school to perform for our children.

- Te Awamutu College Junior Band
- 10 am Wednesday
- Playgroup Room 1

Hot Dogs and Jelly

We will continue with hot dogs and jelly for the next four Thursdays until the end of term, this will cover the cost of firing the pottery the children created. Thanks so much for your support with the hot dogs. 41 last Thursday, the children enjoyed the lovely soft warm rolls, tomato sauce and mustard sauce.

Uniforms & Arrival at School

Just a couple of concerns:

1. School Uniform is compulsory, children must have their uniform tops and school sweatshirts on and something dark navy at the bottom. There are just a few children who do not wear their uniform and this causes other children to question why they have to wear uniform when others don't. **UNIFORM IS COMPULSORY.**
2. The second concern is a safety issue, we have children arriving at school from 7.40am. Most staff are here by 8.00 am—8.30 am and I am here at 7.00 am at the latest BUT, staff don't legally have to be here until 8.30 am, if they are here it is to prepare work. I always worry that children will be dropped and there is no one here. From my office, situated away from the classrooms, I don't always see children arrive. Please 8.15 am is the earliest the children should be here, unless other arrangements have been made. I know it is difficult with the people who have work commitment. Thanks for this.

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.

Scholastic Book Orders

Orders forms have gone home last week. Please return orders by 17th September. Thank you.

Produce Stand

Succulants for sale, \$2 and \$5

Please Collect for Rukuhia School

- Yummy Stickers (due in by 20th Sep)
- Old SMALL ink cartridges

Have a great week.

Kind Regards

Lynne Wilson



Staff Notes...

Room 1 Jane Coles

It was lovely to see a couple of parents come along to listen to the children reciting their nursery rhymes last Friday. The children all did very well to get up in front of an audience! Thank you for your support.

Our letters for this week are: t p n c k and our high frequency words are: this are car can. The blends/diagraphs are: pr cr and kn.

We are looking forward to the Te Awamutu Junior Band performing this Wednesday, 1st September. The children will be writing a book together about this experience. The book will be sent home for them to read to their families.

During maths this week we will be focusing on statistics. Children will be sorting objects into categories, and they will be making displays of the data collected. This will be in the form of pictographs and bar graphs.

Last week the children made some small models out of plasticine. I will put their photographs on our school website under Room 1, Term 3. The photographs look delightful.

Room 2 Leanne Adam

Haere Mai from Room 2. Thank you to the parents who were able to come on Friday and listen to the children's speeches and poems. It was great to see so many of the children had practiced their poem/speech before delivering it and that all were confident enough to stand up in front of the class. This week we are continuing with drama, gymnastics and our investigation into heroes and heroines from other countries.

I am on class room release on Thursday and Miss Grant will be in our class. The children will be looking at Te Reo, Maori myths and legends, art and drama. It should be a fantastically creative day.

I have noticed recently that some book bags appear to be full of newsletters and other bits and pieces. Please remember to check your child's book bag regularly and empty it! Many thanks.

We have recently had some issues in class with children squabbling over smiggles bits and fancy colouring in pens etc. While I appreciate that the children are often given these as rewards from parents they are beginning to become a problem and distracter in class. I have spoken to the children about this and if the problem continues I will have to ask the children to leave them at home.

Congratulations to Savannah who won the class prize draw on Friday! Remember that homework books and spelling come home on Monday and back to school on Friday.

Room 3 Sarah Grant & Jenny Scott

Week 7! What an exciting week we've got—photos today, clay tomorrow, a band on Wednesday—busy, busy busy! Thanks to all our parents who continue to read with their children, Mrs Scott and I are definitely seeing results!

Room 4 Zac Taylor

Watch out people we have an exciting and busy week. We are in the middle of our Scotland Round Robin. A series of activities designed to expose students to many aspects of Scottish life and heritage. We have got a clay specialist coming in tomorrow to work with us on a couple of pieces of art. To prepare for that we will be working with play dough today getting use to manipulating and shaping.

Novel studies are finished now for the whole class, I am looking forward to reading and hanging the summary chains. We will be starting up our full reading program again so watch out for the school journals and activities coming home for homework. We are speeding through our listening novel study, 'Tomorrow when the War Began' seeing a lot of productive work coming from the reading sessions. The movie is being released this week but it would be fantastic if students could hold off seeing it until we have finished the book in class.

RSCC / PTA Meeting
Wednesday
1st September 2010
7.00pm

Coming Events

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 27th August

Principal Award

- R1 Jack Bradley-Coombes**
For his commitment to learning in all areas
- R2 Olivia Karl & Savannah Bright**
For fantastic delivery of speeches
- R3 Ryan Marshall**
Outstanding interaction in class discussion
- R4 Robert Graves & Nick Townsend**
Amazing help for staff setting up and cleaning up at the social.

Class Awards

- R1 Teegan Bennett & Emma Watson**
- R2 Gabriel Liddle, Sky Taylor-Eynon & Paige Elliott**
- R3 Tonya Gagiano & Scott Pudney**
- R4 Dion McFetridge, Harshaan Nagra, Robert Graves, Brodie Chitham, Vaughan Bennett, Josh Pratt, Callum McColl, Eden Liddle, Lachlan Holt, Leah Riches, Ada Nelson, Nikita Gagiano, Kaitlyn Bongers, Emma Reekers, Sam Goodey**
For their Novel Chains

Certificate Draw

Dion McFetridge

Playground Star Winner

Sky Taylor-Eynon

Jump Jam Draw Winner

Reagan Rockliffe