

Quote:

If you look like your passport photo, you definitely need a holiday.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

My favourite season is here, the blossoms are always about here before Taranaki where I came from and Hamilton blossoms are looking amazing. I'm sure that by the holidays the weather should be more settled. We had a busy week last week with clay and the junior band from Te Awamutu College.

Room 4 Clay

When I popped in to see how the class was going with the clay the children were so focused on the job in hand and they were doing an amazing job. Room 3 are working with Jenny Taris on Tuesday the 14th.

Hot Dogs

Once again thank you so much for your support with this, the last two weeks we sold over 40 hot dogs. This is a 2 fold exercise, the kids enjoy the hot dogs and the profit is subsidizing the clay project. Thanks to Bev Bradley for making the jellies every Wednesday.

Raffle Tickets

Each family will receive their raffle tickets today to sell. We will need to have these tickets back in sold or unsold straight after the holidays so that we can have them available to do the draw on Country Day and sell any unsold tickets. There are still quite a large number of families to bring in a grocery item/s, we would really appreciate being able to pack up the raffle attractively. We have has lots of lovely groceries and a few treats. We would love some fun stuff.

Staff Room Table

We had two offers of a table for our staff room, many thanks to Sharlene Marshall and Melanie Fitzgerald who both made offers for which we are very grateful.

Quiz Evening

Don't forget to get your team registered for the Quiz Evening. Friday 17th September at the Rukuhia Community Hall.

Book Bags

Oh I'm so sorry to grizzle again BUT \$4000 plus has been spent by the Board to purchase new guided readers for the children AND this week TWO books have come back to school, one coated in sandwich and drink and the other yoghurt.

ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE A BOOK BAG to enable them to take a library book or home reader home. The staff are reinforcing this with their classes and already some children have found last years or purchased a new book bag. Thank so much for that. Reading bags are available at the office for \$5 each. It is so important that our readers and library books are treated with respect.

Te Awamutu College Junior Band

We had a great treat last week when Mr Brook's Junior Band came to entertain and inform us. Mr George Brooks who is the college music master chose some wonderful songs for us, really happy cheerful songs (my era!!) which the children listened to spell bound.

In between each song, the high school children demonstrated and talked about their instrument and played a little tune.

We thank George Brooks and the band so much for coming to the school. The band played to a very high standard and they were a credit to the school.

Playgroup

A lovely group came to play group last Wednesday which was held in Room 1 due to the band performing in the Hall. The next meeting of the playgroup Mum's is Wednesday 15th September.

Gardening Tomorrow

Tracy will be at school tomorrow to have another gardening stint at 1.00pm. If anyone is available to come down for an hour or so to help this would be very much appreciated.

Grandparents Morning

How exciting. The Staff and I have decided that Friday 17th September would be a great day to celebrate Grandparents who are such an important part of children's lives and we issue an invitation to as many Grandparents who are able to be here.

GRANDPARENTS DAY—FRIDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

Programme

- 11.30 Visit grandchildren's classrooms where you will share an activity with your grandchild
- 12.15 Move to Hall for assembly, each class will share a small item or present work
- 1.00 Shared Lunch

Parents who are at the school are welcome to take their children home after the shared lunch. Daughters and daughter in laws if you could please make sure there is enough lunch for how many in your family are coming.

Lamb & Calf Judges Coming this Thursday

John Murray (Lamb Judge) and Debbie Young (Calf Judge) will be visiting Rukuhia School THIS THURSDAY at 2.00pm. They will explain everything there is to know about raising and caring for a lamb, goat and calf and what is expected on Country Day. Parents are encouraged to come along and ask any relevant questions. If it is wet, this will be done in the hall.

Country Day Competitions:

Grow a Radish Competition

Anyone is welcome to enter this competition for Country Day. Radish seeds are available from the office and kindly sponsored by Airport Garden Centre. Thank you to Owen and Tracy for this. Tracy will be here tomorrow to show everyone what is involved. Plant the seeds NOW and see who can grow the biggest radish by Country Day.

Bake a Cake Competition

We will also be having a cake baking competition for Country Day so cakes can be made before the event and judged on the day.. More details on this to follow.

Group of Three Category

This year we will be having a GROUP OF THREE category which will take the place of Field of Fashion. Every other school has this category and it is also done at Group Day so this will be good practice for those going on to enter in Group Day. Judges can elaborate on this category when they come to visit this Thursday. For those students who already know what is involved, they may group up and arrange dress ups etc for their animals.

Registrations

These can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website. Those that we definitely know about entering will have a registration enclosed with today's newsletter.

Produce Stand

Succulants for sale, \$2 and \$5

Uniforms

Some parents are looking for lost uniforms. Please could everyone check name tags in uniforms this week. Thank you.

Mornings

We still have children being dropped at school as early as 8am. PLEASE unless arrangements are made for reasons beyond your control, children must not be here until 8.15 am—8.30 am, the school is not open and the poor little things have to sit under the Archgola in the wind and rain. Most teachers here have some distance to travel and aren't always here until 8.15 am children are then unsafe. We do need your cooperation with this. Many thanks.

Want to Rent

A two or three bedroom house/unit. If you know of a place please contact 021 041 0080 or work 957 8910

Kind Regards
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Staff Notes...

Room 1 Jane Coles janec@rukuhia.schoolzone.net.nz

I hope you all liked your child's clay tile and lizard/snake. Jenny Taris, the potter was impressed with the children's creations.

Our letters for this week are: e h r m d and our high frequency words are: he here me mother. The blends/digraphs are: dr.

The children wrote some great stories about the Te Awamutu College Support Act Band. Some of these are on the school website. The children will be finishing off their pictures to go with their stories this week.

We will be continuing with 'statistics' this week. We will be looking at the types of pets that children have, and favourite drinks/food/fruit. The children will be encouraged to make statements about the data collected.

Room 2 Leanne Adam ladam@rukuhia.schoolzone.net.nz

Haere Mai from Room 2. I hope that all the clay made it home safely on Friday. If your child didn't bring their clay home on Friday it should come home today. This is our final week on heroes and heroines around the world and drama.

Gymnastics continue to the end of the term and we are going to be looking at food in the next couple of weeks. If your child has any food allergies that we may not be aware of, please let me know.

We are looking at letter writing until the end of the term, so if your child brings home a letter, it would be great if you could reply. In maths we are looking at statistics. This is all about grouping like things and recording it in different ways. Congratulations to Cayley 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 Jenny Scott jscott@rukuhia.schoolzone.net.nz

Wow what a fantastic week we had last week. We have finished publishing our Egyptian Inquiries information and completed our Egyptian art. We would love it if you could pop in and see the art your children have completed, it is now on display in the classroom.

In maths the groups are working on addition and subtraction to 20, multiplication and co-ordinates in Algebra. Most reading groups are chewing through our NEW FABULOUS Roald Dahl books. I always enjoy working with your children and seeing the work that they complete.

Just a little thing—a NEW reading book got wet in a bag this week so...we need every child to look for their old book bags or to buy one from the office please, so our books are kept safe. Jenny Scott

Room 4 Zac Taylor zact@rukuhia.schoolzone.net.nz

Congratulations to all students who took part in the 5 aside footy tournament this weekend! It was a fantastic day! Here we go again for another busy week! Looking at the leaders of Scotland. Getting better at using adjectives to make our writing more creative and vivid. Some of the class will be underway into their 3rd novel study! Others will be working hard through journal reading and questions. Today everyone will have got their second camp letter with attachments that need to be returned asap.

Reminders

- Scholastic Book Orders in by 17th September
- Ed Alive Computer Software orders in by tomorrow please
- Yummy Stickers (due in by 20th Sep)
- Bring in your OLD SMALL ink cartridges
- Check the lost property by end of term
- Wear full school uniform EVERYDAY
- Start selling raffles enclosed with today's newsletter



Photos of the Te Awamutu College Junior Band

Coming Events

- 15 Sep Playgroup
- 19 Sep Possible quick RSCC meet - Quiz Evening
- 17 Sep Loud Shirt Day
- 17 Sep Grandparent's Day
- 17 Sep Quiz Night
- 21 Sep BOT Meeting
- 24 Sep Last Day Term 3
- 11 Oct Term 4 Commences
- 18 Oct Country Day
- 22 Oct Group Day

Awards 3rd September

Principal Award

- R1 **May Nelson**
For working hard in all areas of learning
- R2 **Sky Taylor-Eynon**
For fantastic effort in reading, writing and always a positive attitude
- R3 **Sabrina Tumata-Lane**
For all round great performance in class this week
- R4 **Emma Reekers**
For showing respect, great manners and a positive attitude

Class Awards

- R1 **Navraj Mann & Kelly-Joe**
- R2 **Tiamo Johnson-Rongo, Madison Rockliffe and Kristianna Clark**
- R3 **Savannah Williams, Tangaroa Tuwhangai and Kate Pudney**
- R4 **Jorja Liddle, Callum McColl**

Playground Star Winner

Kaitlyn Bongers

Certificate Draw

Navraj Mann

Jump Jam Draw Winner

Cayley Ward

