

**Quote:**

*"If you've only one breath left, use it to say thank you"*

**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

Well only two weeks of Term left and lots and lots to happen before the 24th September, hopefully too, some sun!

Firstly, we have a new Teacher Aide at the school, Mrs Jane Thorrold who has been working with us for two weeks now. I must apologize for not welcoming her in the newsletter sooner. We do welcome Jane who is a very experienced Teacher Aide and we are really happy to have her working in the school with our children.

Unfortunately though Miss Sarah Grant is currently on sick leave until the end of Term. We wish her a speedy recovery. Many thanks to Mrs Adele Fraser who has stepped into cover Miss Grant's duties in the meantime.

**Clay**

Mrs Jenny Scott and the children in Room 3 are working with Jenny Taris today clay modeling, the children are looking forward to this experience.

**Ohaupo Dress Rehearsal**

How exciting to be invited to Ohaupo School dress rehearsal of their production. I am overcome with the response from parents with offers of transport, thank you so much. It will be a lovely experience for our children and a bit of fun to lift our spirits in this constant wet, wet grey weather.

**National Clean Up Week**

New World and Four Square are supporting National clean up week, we have been working hard with our children to make sure we don't walk past rubbish as despite the many rubbish bins around there always seems to be rubbish around the grounds.

**Loud Shirt Day**

On Friday the children are encouraged to wear a LOUD SHIRT and to bring a gold coin to support Deaf Awareness. We have a little person in the school with this disability and we would like to acknowledge this worthy cause. If children could take their gold coin to Karin in the office on Friday or sooner we would really appreciate this.

**Clear Driveway**

Our student with the mobility scooter is now leaving school at 2.45 pm rather than 2.15 and this of course has caused problems re parking. If parents could please keep the driveway clear at this time so the van has easy access to pick him up safely.

**Grandparents Day**

The staff and children are really looking forward to welcoming the grandparents on Friday IN THEIR LOUD SHIRTS!! If grandparents could be taken to their grandchildren's room there will be an activity to join in with their grandchildren. Dear MUMS!!!! We need ALL children to provide something for the shared lunch and if the Mums are able to help in the kitchen to set up that would be so much appreciated. We will have assembly at 12.15 pm and children may be taken home after this if the parents so wish.

**Grandparents Day 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

**Thank you to our Lamb & Calf Judges**

We thank John Murray (Lamb Judge) and Debbie Young (Calf Judge) for coming last Thursday to inform us all about what is required to raise an animal and what is involved in the competition

**Playgroup**

A reminder that playgroup is on this week.

**Teacher Appraisal**

As required by Ministry of Education and Teachers Council, all teaching staff have an involved appraisal process for accountability. Twice a year, the Principal is required to observe teaching practice and at the end of the year an appraisal against the goals each teacher has set at the beginning of the year and the standards expected of teachers as set by the Teachers Council. A very rigorous appraisal. The teaching observations are always aimed at the targets for the year and this year we thought the all important Literacy (reading standard) should be targeted. The reason for this LONG involved explanation is !!! I have completed the teaching observations (Guided Reading Sessions) with the staff and you have the most amazing staff working with your children. The Guided Reading Programmes in the school are a credit to the staff. Since my arrival at the school I have seen the huge progress all children have made and I have been so impressed

**Success Outside School**

I understand that that a large number of children have been very successful with winter sports. I would really appreciate hearing about these successes or other outside successes so we are able to share these with the school community. If you could let me know I would be very grateful.

**Raffle Tickets**

Wow we have had quite a few sold raffle tickets back already. Thank you !! Just to clarify how the raffle works... When you sell a raffle for a \$1 fill in the line number that person wishes to buy. If you sell ten tickets to one person you can fill in their name and cross the whole card. At the time of the draw all cards sold will be folded into a box. One card will be drawn. If this card has more than one name on it a second draw of 1 to ten numbers will be drawn. Whatever number is drawn will be matched to the winning number of that particular card. We hope this helps you all to understand this simple system.

More cards are available to sell, feel free to pick some up at the office. The grocery raffle is starting to look wonderful, keep the grocery donations coming!

**Hot Dogs**

Hot Dogs and Jelly on Thursday.

Well there is to be another busy week this week particularly on Friday:  
 GRANDPARENTS DAY  
 LOUD SHIRT DAY  
 QUIZ EVENING

Kind Regards & apologies for missing the newsletter deadline yesterday.  
 Lynne Wilson

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## Quiz Evening THIS FRIDAY !! 7.00 pm

Don't forget to get your team registered for the Quiz Evening.

Friday 17th September at the Rukuhia Community Hall. There are a number of spot prizes, so it is not all about your knowledge. It has been an extremely fun evening the past few years. So come along and have a fun filled evening AND remember your wallets.

## Staff Notes...

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

Our letters for this week are: g o u l f and our high frequency words are: going get said let The blends/diagraphs are: gl fl. The children have really got involved with sorting and classifying within our maths focus: statistics. They particularly enjoyed finding out about their peers favourite colours of m and m's! We shared their 'findings' at assembly last week. Have a look at our graph displays. We will complete statistics this week, and move into the topic of 'probability'.

Within our Health and PE the focus is gymnastics. This has created great excitement. We are all looking forward to going to Ohaupo School tomorrow and Melville Kindergarten (next week). Please return permission/transport notices as soon as possible.

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

Bonjour from Room 2. Two weeks to go - hang in there! This week we are going to be continuing with gymnastics and looking at food from a different perspective. The children have all written lovely letters to Mrs Wilson and will be continuing with that this week also. In maths we are looking at statistics and different ways to sort different things and how we can record this. The children are getting very good at pictographs and explaining what they see.

Remember that Tuesday is our visit to Ohaupo School (school uniform please) and Friday is Loud Shirt Day and Grandparents day. Lots of our work this week will be focusing on that.

Congratulations to Abigail 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 week 9, where has the term gone? We are sprinting into our unit on the Commonwealth Games. Yesterday we analysed the concept of competition, using De Bono's hats. Feelings / thinking / strengths / new ideas. As usual I was impressed with the thinking that the children did. We are now researching and writing reports on the Bengal Tiger because Shera the tiger is the mascot for the Commonwealth Games. We are continuing with multiplication and algebra. The New Roald Dahl novels are still being consumed at a sensational rate and after doing many reading tests this week I am really pleased to see the progress that is being made by the students. Thank you for the quick response to supplying book bags as most children have them now. Don't forget to drop in and see us before school. A special thank you to Sheryn Rockliffe for covering the new library books.

Mrs Adele Fraser will be in Room 3 on Friday and she would love it if all Room 3 children could bring a family photo for grandparents day. Thank you

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

Wow so close to the end of term, and as usual we are super busy. Today we are working on the Hamilton Junior Press advertisement page. This involves the students researching, designing, drawing, art and writing. In order to promote and advertise some of our important local companies. Tuesday we will be finishing of our clay art, painting and glazing our fairies, then we will be off to see the Ohaupo School Production. That leaves us with 3 days to fit in our normal class work. We are going to be super busy!

## COUNTRY DAY

**Grow a Radish Competition**

Radish seeds have been given to the students who wish to enter 'grow the radish competition'. Now start nurturing those radish seeds and enter your radish on Country Day. Three categories:

- 1. Biggest Radish
- 2. Twin Radishes
- 3. Name the Radish.

**Bake a Cake Competition**

We will also be having a cake baking/decorating competition for Country Day so cakes can be made before the event and judged on the day. There will be a few categories so parents may enter as well. Cakes will be judged and then sold at the cake stall.

**Helpful Hints**

Check out our school website for information on Country Day. Our lamb judge also mentioned a good site to visit is to google 'breeds of livestock' and then look for the Oklahoma site.

**REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BEFORE 24TH SEPTEMBER !!**

## Coming Events

- 14 Sep Ohaupo School Rehearsal 1.00pm
- 15 Sep Playgroup
- 15 Sep 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

## Awards 10th September

**Principal Award**

- R1 **Yashnoor Mann**  
For commitment to learning
- R2 **Kaia Bennett**  
For commitment to all learning.
- R3 **Bayden Richardson**  
For being helpful and thoughtful
- Tayla Collins-Pitman**  
For being a helpful, kind student
- R4 **Lachlan Holt**  
For outstanding effort in reading

**Class Awards**

- R1 **Sjayne Evans, Jack Bradley-Coombes, Oliver Fitzgerald**
- R2 **Brianna Walker, Mikayla Tumata-Lane, Corbin Remnant, Justin Hills**
- R3 **Rahul Sami, Sabrina Tumata-Jane, Thomas Griffin**
- R4 **Ada Nelson, Dion McFetridge**

**Playground Star Winner**

**Sam Goodey**

**Certificate Draw**

**Rahul Sami**

**Jump Jam Draw Winner**

**Cayley Ward**



## Reminders

- Scholastic Book Orders in by 17th September
- 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
- Keep selling your grocery raffle tickets
- Country Day Registrations in by 24th September
- Pay outstanding accounts asap before 1st Oct if possible