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The reason I talk to myself is that I'm the only one whose answers I accept.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a wonderful weekend for lifting everyone's spirits. The sunshine was magnificent. I hope everyone had a great weekend because now we are all in for the long haul to the end of the year. Everyone from now on will be busy.

Group Day

Congratulations to all those who participated and supported Group Day this year on Friday at Ngahinapouri School. 19 entries from Rukuhia School! Well done. Mr Taylor had only five students in his class on Friday, so he had the opportunity to go and support Rukuhia School at Group Day for a part of the morning.

Changed End of this Term Date

As we are appointing a new Principal, there is obviously a need for the new Principal to meet and get to know the staff, while also the staff and I also have to meet to put plans in place for 2011. School will close noon on Tuesday 14th December 2010. The new Principal will meet with the staff Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday will be spent with me organising for Term 1 2011.

SCHOOL CLOSURES TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER NOON.

Sharon Porter our After School Caregiver will obviously still be available. I know it seems way ahead of time but I know parents do need to know to enable them to make arrangements for children.

After School Care

Please phone or text Sharon Porter for bookings for After School Care 843 3376 or 027 478 8400. I will walk those students attending After School Care to 65 Rukuhia Road at 3.05 pm with Sharon to ensure their safety.

Scholastic Book Fair

Mrs Jenny Scott has arranged with Scholastic Books to host a BOOK FAIR 8th-12th November. The books will be displayed during this time and parents and whanau are welcome all day and everyday during the at week to come into the school and have a look and to order anything they would like, perhaps for Christmas presents or to donate to the school library. Depending on how many books are sold the school is given a percentage in free books for the library. We would really appreciate your support with the Book Fair. Scholastic Books are varied, interesting and good value. Book Fair slips will be enclosed with this newsletter.

Jump Rope for Heart

The school have registered for Jump Rope for Heart Skip-a-thon Challenge and this will be held on THURSDAY 11th November at the school. There will be more details in the newsletter next week. The Skip-a-thon Challenge Booklet is also enclosed with the newsletter today. There is a sponsorship form for children to collect sponsorship from friends and family and a declaration to fill in so the children are able to participate in SKIP OFF on the 11th November.

Milo Cricket

Milo Cricket sessions are to be held at the school on Tuesdays at lunch-time. The start date for this is Tuesday 9th November and there will be five sessions before Christmas and another five beginning Tuesday 8th February 2011. the cost for your child to participate is \$30 and is to be paid with the registration, and at \$3 per session it is good value and a great experience for the children, they LOVE playing cricket and here is the opportunity to have expert coaching and to have fun. A copy of the Milo registration form is also included with this newsletter. We do not have enough children registered at the moment for this to go ahead for us. We would be very grateful for your support.

Rukuhia School Newsletter

Term Four - Week Three

26 October 2010

Sausage Sizzle FRIDAYS (for all of Term 4)

Of course this term is Camp for the Room 4 children and Mr Taylor and the children have launched into the fundraising activities.

Sausage Sizzle Fridays will start this week and all proceeds will go towards Room 4 camp expenses.

Sausages are \$1.50 each and Juicy Ice Blocks are \$1 each.

Wanted

Cath Knapton-Ingoe is keen to buy some lambs after Group Day, so please get in touch with her if you are not wanting to keep your lambs.

Thank you.

Reminders

- PLAYGROUP THIS WEEK ON WEDNESDAY
- Please return Scholastic Book Club Orders by 5th November
- Please return Room 4 Camp forms

Enclosed

- Country Day Results Sheet
- Energize fridge magnet
- Scholastic Book Fair flyer
- Skip-a-thon Challenge Booklet
- Milo Cricket Registration form

Have a great week

Kind Regards

Lynne Wilson

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Coming Events

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| Tuesday | 26 | October | BOT Meeting |
| Wednesday | 27 | October | Playgroup |
| Wednesday | 3 | November | PTA Meeting 7.00pm |
| Mon-Fri | 8-12 | November | Book Fair |
| Thursday | 18 | November | Jump Rope |
| Thursday | 25 | November | Family Fun Night |
| Mon-Thur | 6-9 | December | Room 4 Camp |
| Tuesday | 14 | December | FINAL ASSEMBLY 10.00 am (followed by shared lunch) |
| Tuesday | 14 | December | Last Day of School (NOON finish) |

Staff Notes...

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

The children wrote some fantastic stories about Country Day last week. Several children read them out at assembly on Friday, and all the children showed off their collage artwork. These will be displayed outside Room 1 and 2.

Our letters this week are: e h r m d, and our blends/diagraphs are: kn dr. The sight words are: Mum Dad my the.

This week our focus in maths is number knowledge and strategies (addition and subtraction). The children will be counting on from a given number, and counting back from a given number. This is something you can get your child to practise at home if you wish.

The children will be skipping within their PE time, and we will continue to do some printing within our art session.

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

I hope that you all had a productive long weekend with such fantastic weather. Congratulations to all the children who participated at Group Day, well done! This week we are finishing "time" for maths and will be focusing on the hour and half hour for most children and some will be looking into other times also. Keep up practicing the months of the year at home. Ask your child for our new song about the months. Our focus for writing will be narratives for some children and recounts for others. We are revisiting our vowels this week and looking at the letters and the different sounds that they make. We start athletics on Wednesday and will be looking at run, jump and throw. We are still working on our country day display in the room 1 and 2 cloak bay so keep an eye out.

Thanks to all the children who bought their homework books on Friday. Would you please check that your child brings home their homework book home today. As we had such a small class on Friday we didn't do our prize draw or mark our spelling so it will be a big draw next week.

Room 3 Jenny Scott jscott@rukuhia.schoolzone.net.nz

The term is speeding along with a long weekend! Wasn't the weather just fabulous! Our week will be a busy one as we are starting an art unit on spring flowers. Our jump rope practice will intensify as we are getting closer to the Jump Off! Each family will receive a sponsorship form with the newsletter today. It would be great if they could organize some sponsors as it is for a good cause. Book Fair is also coming up and I look forward to the community supporting it. It is a good opportunity to buy some books for Christmas and the school receives free books based on the amount of the sales.

I hope all the homework books were returned on Friday, they will come home today. I will be finishing the NUMPA testing on Thursday so Mr White will be in the classroom on Thursday and Friday. Have an awesome week!

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

It was outstanding to see so many of room 4 competing at group day on Friday, what a stunning day it turned out to be with some great results!!!

This week we are moving forward with our unit on Perimeter, area and volume unit and the PTA have presented us with a problem solving task that fits in very nicely with our unit. We will also be looking at multiplication and division processes this week.

We will be getting into groups for our ICT project, I hope students have been putting lots of thought into ideas for their movie!

I will be out of class on Wednesday this week, for my classroom release day, Mr White will be releasing me for the day. Mrs Fraser will be numeracy testing Room 4 on Wednesday.

Awards 22nd October

Principal Award

- R1 **Kelly-Joe Scandlyn**
Effort in class and enthusiasm for learning
- R2 **Milan Phillips**
Fantastic independent work in class
- R3 **Pearl Nelson**
Star of the week
- R4 **Lachlan Holt**
Outstanding enthusiasm & service on Country Day

Class Awards

- R1 **Sjayne Evans, Zoe Penny and Blake Tonkin**
- R2 **Oliver Fitzgerald, Yashnoor Mann and Caius Baker**
- R3 **Bayden Richardson, Jyadeep Nagra and Tangaroa Tuwhangai**
- R4 **Eden Liddle, Kerrin Riches and Dion McFetridge**
(for excellent work in the kiosk at Country Day)

Special Awards

Kerrin & Leah Riches and Sam Goodey for being superb role models / helpers.

Playground Star Winner

Lachlan Holt

Certificate Draw

Zoe Penny

Jump Jam Draw Winner

Blake Tonkin



Community Notices

SOUTHNET SPORTS CLUB

If you are interested in playing Touch Rugby or Teeball/Softball come along to Melville Park and put your name down! We provide Touch Rugby teams for boys & girls year 1&2, 3&4 & 5&6 and Teeball/Softball teams for boys & girls year 1&2, 3&4, 5&6 & 7&8 For more information about Touch Rugby please contact Rou on 027 6999 622 or Teeball/Softball contact Kirstin on 843 2006 or 021 431 696

LOST

Remote for the projector
Lost on the evening of Quiz Night
If you find it please return it to the school office
Thank you

7 & 10 YEAR OLDS ENERGIZE NEEDS YOU!

In 2011 Energize will be evaluated and we're recruiting children to participate. The evaluation will show how successful Energize has been at improving the health and fitness of children.

When? During school time term 1, week 5-11, 2011. It will take about 20 minutes per child.

What? Height, weight, waist, build, pulse and blood pressure.

Where? School.

Cost? None!

Other? None!

If you're happy for your child to be involved then please complete the consent form when it comes home from school.

SUPER SALADS

With summer just around the corner it's a great time to start having salads for lunch or dinner.

This term we will give you some new salad recipes and ideas to boost up your vege intake.

HINT: Not every salad needs a dressing. The vegetables give plenty of flavour, so try giving it a little mayo or olive oil up to 20% fat.

SUPER SALADS

TOMATO SALAD

8 tomatoes quartered and thinly sliced
1 medium red onion, quartered and thinly sliced
1 cup fresh basil leaves, cut into thin strips
1/2 cup parsley chopped roughly
Salt and pepper

METHOD: In a medium size bowl toss together the tomatoes, onion, basil and parsley. Season to taste, with salt and pepper.