



Quote:

"The secret of happiness is not doing what one likes to do, but liking what one has to do"

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Well this is the second to last newsletter I will write to you, next week will be the last newsletter for this year. With two weeks and one and a half days of the Term left there is a lot to do, as far as administration, its all geared to setting up for Term 1 2011. There are many Ministry requirements to be completed as well as school.

School Closing

School will close on Tuesday 14th straight after the picnic lunch. Formal End Of Year Assembly will begin at 10.00 am and the picnic does give staff time to converse with children to have their final farewells. If you are not attending assembly and picnic lunch, children should be collected at noon. Children who travel on buses will need to be collected. Staff have a planning afternoon and supervision of children will be difficult. It would be appreciated if anyone has trophies at home that these please be returned. If anyone would like to donate a trophy in their name to the school. If you could let me know if you are interested that would be great.

Head lice

I know holidays are coming up, but there are some families who are grappling constantly with treating head lice and the expense of the medication needed to treat the problem. PLEASE if you could check children's hair daily to ensure your child is clear of all eggs and head lice as it is so quickly passed from one head to another. I can understand how frustrating this problem is for families.

End of Year Reports

Reports are being handed in to me for comments and checking from today on and will be out to parents as soon as the final details have been completed. It is hoped these will be sent home next Monday.

Paterangi Junior Sports

Mrs Leanne Adam, Mrs Jane Coles and I would like to thank parents so much for their support for the outing for the Juniors. The event was extremely well organized and the children really enjoyed the day. There were four schools competing. Many, many thanks to those who provided transport.

School Accounts

The Board of Trustees need to have all accounts paid up for the 2010 year and would really appreciate your help with this. The BOT are accountable to the auditors and there is a large amount (over all the accounts) outstanding. The Board I believe have sent out final account invoices. A number of our parents have direct debits to the school of \$10.00 a fortnight or \$10.00 per week and this equates to \$260 or \$520 per year so that by the end of the year there is a lovely credit to start the new year. I put four children through school and it is was an awful time over January trying to keep money aside for the start of the school year. If I had children at school now I think direct debit is a really good way to go for the school and the parents. With the account system the school is never sure of what their cash flow is. Worth everyone thinking about? Many thanks.

PTA Christmas Meeting

There will be a short meeting to discuss organisation for family fun night, and the enhancement of the pool area. Members have prices to get for toilet and hand basin, guttering, flooring, solar heating etc, to make the pool user friendly and attractive. Once the short meeting has been completed we will have a Christmas supper and some fun with the \$10 or less Christmassy gift. Please we would love to see as many parents as possible and have some fun together.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

BBQ 5.00 pm, bring your meat, bread etc as soon as we have eaten we will move into some fun activities. There will be little prizes and lolly scramble etc. Love to see you there!

School Athletics (tomorrow)

The school athletics begin at 9.00 am for the senior school and the juniors will join the seniors in the afternoon for some fun events.

Pool

Keys are available at \$60.00 a key. If anyone would like one could they see Karin in the office. The \$60.00 does need to be paid before your key is available. Many Thanks.

ARTWORK

Room 3 have completed the most amazing artwork. Mrs Scott has had the children working on the painting of Birds of Paradise Flower pictures over a couple of weeks and the results are excellent. The Birds of Paradise flower art is really amazing the children have worked hard and the results reflect this.

Scholastic Books

Orders in by tomorrow please so the order can be processed and back in time before the holidays.

Farewell

We farewell the Liddle family this week. They are leaving the area and heading to Cambridge. We wish Eden, Jorja and Gabriel all the very best at their new school and Bruce all the best for the future.

HELP WANTED

Six willing and able people required for 5 hours on Thursday 16th Dec 5pm to 9pm. Easy work - waiting tables & loading dishwasher for LIC end of year BBQ. This is a great fundraising opportunity for the school that will make a start on our wish list for the pool. Please confirm if you can do this. Thank you.

Well, I did say this is a huge week. I look forward to seeing you all over the next few days.

Have a great week. Kind Regards

Lynne Wilson principal@rukuhia.schoolzone.net.nz

Staff Notes...

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

Many thanks to those parents/caregivers who helped with transport to the Paterangi Athletics Day last Wednesday. Thank you also to the parents that led some activities at the athletics. The children all took up the challenge of trying something new, and it was great to observe Rukuhia children cheering their peers on. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to show off their strengths in fitness, throwing, running, jumping as well as being able to follow instructions.

Room 1 children had a swim in the school pool last Friday - they have to be admired for their enthusiasm! One school shirt went missing at changing time...luckily it was named and we managed to find who had it on by mistake - hence the message - **please name your child's uniform, towel, togs and underwear.**

Our letters this week are: e h r m d, and blends/diagraphs are: dr th sh ch. Our sight words are: he here me mother. We have planted some sunflower seeds, and the children will bring these home during week 10. This week we will be continuing with number knowledge, discussing plants, and writing about characters.

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

Thank you very much to the fantastic group of parents and supporters who came to Paterangi last Wednesday. In particular I would like to thank Caius' mum and aunt, Milan's dad, Kaia & Teegan's mum for looking after 2 of the activities, all those parents who provided transport and those who took photos and shared them with us. It made it so much easier for Mrs Coles and myself. I think that the children had a fantastic time and it was great to see some amazing runners coming through the school.

This week our programs continue as normal. Some activities may have a Christmas feeling about them! On Tuesday we would love you to come and support your child in the Rukuhia Athletics. We will swim when we can. Please remember also to send a drink bottle to school.

Checkout the details about Christmas gifts for other children in the newsletter. Congratulations to Paige for winning the class prize draw. There were lots of names in the draw this week so everyone had lots of chances.

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

Things are ticking along! Athletics is the big event this week, everything else is small in comparison. We are beginning some new art this week. We are continuing with measurement in math and reading is all about plants and the environment. We are publishing some great poems about the Birds Of Paradise. I am really pleased about the way everyone is still working hard, so close to the end of the year. This is a true reflection of the wonderful class that they are. There will be no more homework from R3 this year. I am going to miss the children that are moving into room 4. That's about it this week. Have a great one!

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

One week to camp guys! I need all raffle books in tomorrow please. It has been a super successful fundraiser. Well done to everyone who has put the effort in to selling the tickets.

We have athletic sports day this Tuesday, remember water bottles, sunscreen and lots of energy.

Testing is all finished and room 4 can hold their heads up high, everyone has worked so hard this year and it really does show in the test results.

Year 8's will be working on their end of year presentations this week.

Christmas gifts for others

To help our children appreciate the spirit of giving at Christmas, we would like our children to share some Christmas spirit this year by donating pre-loved toys, games or books that are in a clean and good condition to the Salvation Army to distribute to families in Hamilton who will be going without this year.

The toys etc do not need to be wrapped as the PTA will do this for us. They will then label the gifts, according to a suitable age, to make the distribution easier.

So please take the time to have a look around your children's bedrooms and discuss with them which of their toys they have outgrown and would love to share with other children. There will be a collection container in Room 2 for the children to put their toys into.

Awards 26th November

Principal Award

- R1 **Aga Tahau**
His positive attitude towards learning and for caring nature
- R2 **Oliver Fitzgerald and Caius Baker**
Effort and attitude in all areas of learning
- R3 **Rahul Sami**
A wonderful attitude to learning to read fluently in English
- R4 **Catriona Nelson**
For always being focused on the task on hand

Class Awards

- R1 **May Nelson, Blake Tonkin, Teegan Bennett, Lexi Emerson, Jack Bradley-Coombes**
- R2 **Madison Rockliffe, Paige Elliott, Kaia Bennett, Mikayla Tumata-Lane, Tiamo Johnson-Rongo, Traydee Tahau, Justin Hills**
- R3 **Ryan Marshall, Taylah Collins-Pitman, Divnoor Mann, Rahul Sami, Thomas Griffin, Fabio Taylor-Eynon**
- R4 **Lachlan Holt, Dylan Lewis**

Playground Star Winner Certificate Draw

- Savanah Bright** **Traydee Tahau**
- Jump Jam Draw Birthdays:**
- Brianna Walker** **Tiamo Johnson-Rongo**
- Regan Anderson,**
- Traydee Tahau**



SUPER SALADS

CLASSIC COLESLAW

- 1/2 small green cabbage, shredded
- 1/2 small red cabbage, shredded
- 4 medium stalks celery, thinly sliced diagonally
- 2 medium carrots, coarsely grated
- 1/2 cup grated cheese (preferably edam)

METHOD:
In a large mixing bowl, combine the two cabbages, celery, carrot and cheese. Cover and refrigerate for two hours or until chilled.

Coming Events

Tues	30	Nov	School Athletics
Wed	1	Dec	Playgroup & PTA Xmas Meeting
Thurs	2	Dec	FAMILY FUN EVENING 5.00pm
	6-9	Dec	Room 4 Camp
Tues	14	Dec	FINAL ASSEMBLY 10.00 am
Tues	14	Dec	Last Day of School (shared lunch -NOON finish)