RUAHINE SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Friday 18 November
☺ SCHOOL GALA 10:30-12:30
☺ School Assembly 2:15pm
Wednesday 23 November
☺ Room 4 sleepover at school
Friday 25 November
☺ Ruahine Athletics
Thursday 1 December
☺ Interschool Athletics
Friday 2 December
☺ School Assembly 2:15pm
Friday 9 December
☺ School Picnic @ Splash Planet
Thursday 15 December
☺ Prizegiving 6:30 pm
Friday 16 December
☺ Last Day of School-12pm finish

Reminders

SWIMMING

Please ensure your children bring their togs, towel and goggles to school (CLEARLY NAMED).

"LUNCHIES" FROM 1PM DAILY, AS FOLLOWS:

Monday	Juniors (Rms 4-7)
Tuesday	Seniors (Rms 1-3)
Wednesday	Juniors
Thursday	Seniors
Friday	Juniors & Seniors

HIRE A POOL KEY $60 FOR THE SEASON

Ruahine School GALA

THIS FRIDAY
18 November 2011
10.30–12.30
See you all at school!
See the insert for more details

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Sausage in Bread $1.50
Order from Resource Room
FRIDAY
morning before 9.00 am

Principal's Report

Wednesday 16 November 2011

Kia ora,

Another week has passed us by and the end of term is fast approaching. Teachers and students are busy writing end of year school reports, doing testing and reflecting on the year. We are trying to keep as much routine as possible in our days and learning will take place right up until the end of the year.

This week has been filled with gala preparation and students are looking forward to a great day on Friday. The gala will go ahead rain or shine, with activities being changed or shifted inside if it is wet. A reminder that Assembly will take place on Friday, where Calf & Lamb cups and certificates will be presented.

Well done to our students from Ruahine who participated in the Town Calf & Lamb Day last Friday. We had some excellent results in both the Calf & Lamb sections.

This is the time of year when our Year 7 students start thinking about their leadership prospects for the following year. The staff have met and discussed our current leadership design and programme at length, debating the pros and cons of our current system. We have come up with an alternative Leadership system to trial in 2012.

All Year 8 students will be offered an opportunity to be part of the Ruahine Leadership Team throughout 2012. House Captains and Head Students will not be appointed, but rather, all students who want to contribute to the leadership of the school will be offered the opportunity. Mrs Dickinson will work closely with these students throughout the year. At the end of the year the students and staff will vote for the one person they believe has displayed the best leadership skills throughout the year and that person will be awarded the "Head Student Cup".

We believe that this system is fairer, and also provides opportunities for students who have leadership capacity but may not necessarily have been given the opportunity to shine. Year 8 students will be able to opt into different portfolios according to their personal strengths and interests (eg. The "PR" team who are strong public speakers and good at welcoming and greeting people; or the "Admin" team who enjoy organising events, and doing the behind the scenes work etc).

We understand that some students will be disappointed as they have aspirations of becoming our next Head Student or House Captain. However, we believe that this is for the greater good of all students. The Ruahine staff will be monitoring the system closely throughout the year and will review how it is working at the end of the year and make changes as needed. We look forward to your support in the trialling of this new system.

See you all at the gala on Friday!

Vanessa Pitt, Principal

Ruahine - The Best I Can Do, The Best I Can Be
Kia runga raupa au ki te mahi, Kia Rangatira toku to

SCHOOL PICNIC @ SPLASH PLANET

Friday 9 December
Entry to Splash Planet for all students $2
Travelling by Bus - Please pay an extra $8

Please return the Splash Planet Permission Slip to school by Friday 25 November. Payment is due by Friday 2 December. Spare permission slips are available on our website: www.ruahine.school.nz or from the office.

For those of you who paid $5 toward the Tararua 7s tournament that was cancelled, you do not need to pay the $2 entry fee. If you are travelling by bus, please reduce your amount payable to $5. If you are travelling by car and would like your $3 refund, please see Debbie in the office where she has a list of who has paid this money.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEAD STUDENTS:

Hi everyone. All classes are busy planning and preparing their "goodies" and activities for our gala this Friday (10.30–12.30). Tickets will be on sale in each classroom on Friday morning for 50 cents each, and there will be $5 bundles of tickets available for purchase. Remember to complete the Gala Permission Slip so that your children can take part in the really fun stuff! Remember, if you want your photo taken to give as a Christmas present, or with your best buddies, bring a little extra cash for the photo booth. We hope to see you all on Friday! Erin and David

Appleton Kindergarten

We have vacancies at Appleton Kindergarten, 32 Gregg Street, Dannevirke.
Please phone 374 6056 cell phone 027 7214024, email appleton.kindergarten@xtra.co.nz.
Our session times are morning kindergarten 8.15am to 12.30pm for 4 to 5 year olds Monday to Friday and afternoon session for 2 to 4 year olds 1:15-3:15pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday.
We welcome enquiries.

CORRECTION TO LAMB RESULTS:

Some of the Lamb results in last weeks insert were incorrect. Junior Leading - highly commended, Junior Care & Attention - highly commended and Junior Calling - 2nd place were won by Josh Augustine **not** Joshua Baker.

School Sores

There have been confirmed cases of school sores at school. Please check your child for sores and seek medical advice. These are highly contagious so please keep any sores covered and keep your child from swimming.

TOOTH BOOTH

The Tooth Fairies are pleased to have received news that they have been allocated 3 more days in their Tooth Booth at Ruahine School. This means they can now treat your pre-schoolers here at school. If you are bringing your pre-schoolers to gala day, pop in and see the Tooth Fairies while you are here.
Once again, any queries, ring school and ask Deb to be put through to the Tooth Fairies.

SENIOR CAMP 2012

20-24 FEBRUARY 2012
Camp Raukawa, Wanganui

Year 5/6 $160 Year 7/8 $250
(We expect costs to come down)
The BOT have applied for two grants and Gala money raised will help subsidise camp costs.
Start spreading the cost now!
DIRECT CREDIT: Ruahine School BOT
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ROCKING WITH SPORT ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT

Wednesday 23 November, Ruahine School from 1.30pm
For those who attended 3 or more lunchtime sessions.

SCHOOL CALENDARS

Your child's "Calendar Art" for their 2012 calendar is on display in the office foyer.
$10 each (you can cut out & use this order form)
Orders close Monday 28 November.

TECHNOLOGY FEES

Please remember these are a compulsory fee, not a voluntary donation. Please contact Debbie Swaby if you have any queries.

WANTED TO RENT:

Christchurch family moving to Dannevirke area during the Christmas/New Year period would like to rent a 3/4 bedroom house, preferably in the RD2 area. Please phone Wayne Dunshea 027 343 1230.

SPORTS PHOTOS & LATEST ROOM 7 PHOTO

These are on display in the office foyer. Please pop in to place your order and make any cheques payable to Quickpix Photography. Photos $14 each. Queries: Judy Edmonds 3745171.

Ryan Chasland

Town and country all round gardener. I mow lawns, trim hedges, remove boxthorn, spray blackberry and other pesty weeds, and do general gardening. For a free quote call 374 5162 or 027 511 0401.

2012 calendar order form

$10 per calendar

CHILD'S NAME	CLASSROOM	NO. OF CALENDARS	SUB TOTAL
TOTAL:			$

I enclose cash/cheque payment of $_____
I have paid $_____ by direct credit on _____ (date).

Please post completed order forms, with payment, through the slot in the school office.

Cheques payable to Ruahine School PFK please.
Direct Credit to PFK account: 03 0614 0561726 00

ORDERS CLOSE MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2011

PLEASE NOTE: CALENDARS WILL NOT BE PRINTED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.