

Upcoming Events

- Friday 26 August**
- ☺ Daffodil Day
- Thursday 1 September**
- ☺ Interschool Athletics
- Monday 12-Friday 16 September**
- ☺ Zero Waste Week
- Wednesday 21 September**
- ☺ Pyjama Day
- Thursday 29 September**
- ☺ Young Masterminds Competition
- Wednesday 5 October**
- ☺ Music Festival
- Friday 7 October**
- ☺ Last Day of Term 3

Reminders

BE VIGILANT!

Have you CLEARLY NAMED all items of your child's uniform?

Is your child bringing home uniform articles that are not theirs?

Please check that the school clothing that comes home belongs to YOUR child. If not, PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL ASAP.

SENIOR CAMP

(For all year 5, 6, 7, 8 students)
20-24 FEBRUARY 2012
 Camp Raukawa, Wanganui

Start spreading the cost now.

DIRECT CREDIT:
 Ruahine School Board of Trustees
 060729 0546227-00

Please ring the school office and discuss your options with Debbie.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Term 3

- Mince Pie \$2.00
- Mince & Cheese Pie \$2.00
- Mini Mince Savoury \$1.00
- Chocolate Muffin \$1.50

Order BEFORE 9am on
THURSDAY
 morning from the Resource Room.

NO LATE ORDERS!

RUAHINE SCHOOL

Acting Principal's Report

22 August 2011

Kia ora,

What a beautiful way to start the week. I am sure all of our students will appreciate being able to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. Long may it last!

Daffodil day is this Friday and we would love to see the usual level of support for this. For a gold coin donation we encourage all students to dress in a yellow and green daffodil theme. We would love for you to come down to watch the cat-walk parade at 9:10 and would welcome any parents who want to dress up and strut their stuff too.

As it has been very cold lately there have been queries around our dress code and what students can wear. The only requirement stated in the 2011 dress code is that any beanies worn should be black. If your child needs a jacket, scarf or gloves for extra warmth in the playground, that is fine. We would prefer them to wear a black jacket if they already have one, or any other suitable jacket will suffice. These are only to be worn in the playground. We have also noticed that some students are wearing non uniform items. Please ensure you consult with the dress code if you need clarification. Please see Debbie if you need a replacement copy.

It is pleasing to see the positive work attitudes from students across the school. Their increased motivation is evident, particularly within Maths. Our 'Tuakana Teina' (buddy mentoring) programme is working extremely well. Twice a week all students buddy up with another student from a different Maths stage and help them learn their next knowledge step. Those who are spending time working on their knowledge ladder at home are seeing even further results. So keep up the good work kids!

Thank you to those of you who returned the Health Education Policy surveys, we really appreciate you taking the time to give your feedback. 100% of the returns recommended we adopt the existing Health Education Policy without amendment.

Wishing you all a great week and fingers crossed the sun continues to shine.

Juliet Dickinson, Acting Principal

PLEASE DIARY THIS DATE:
Ruahine School
Lamb & Calf/Pet Day
Friday 28 October

THANK YOU

Ken & Barbara Houston for delivering our newsletter to all RD2 residents.

Daffodil Day 26 AUGUST 2011

Please give generously

GOLD COIN DONATION SPECIAL ASSEMBLY AT 9.10 AM

What will YOUR daffodil inspired creation be?



HEADLICE

Headlice are here at school. It is vital that you continue to check your child's hair regularly & treat promptly in order to minimise their spread and help prevent re-infestation. Please contact the school office if you need any more information.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEAD STUDENTS



Hi everyone. Thanks to those parents who turned up at school last Friday for our basketball challenge. We didn't get to play Students vs Teachers, but we mixed the teams up with students, parents and teachers in each team, and had a lot of fun!

It was a shame the weather postponed our STAR students' flights, but hopefully it will stay like this til Wednesday at 12.30 pm. We hope our STARS; Lana Diamond and Sinead Sandbrook, enjoy their flights! Have fun and stay COOL at SCHOOL! Erin and David

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Oticon Soundfield Systems

The Board are applying to the Services and Citizens Club for a grant to replace seven microphone headsets and transmitters for our Oticon Soundfield Systems.

2012 Senior Camp

Applications are being made to reduce 2012 camp costs, as follows:
 Eastern & Central—to cover accommodation and instructor costs.
 Infinity Foundation—for meals and travel.

Discipline and Consequences at Ruahine School

The Board and staff have always enjoyed positive relationships with our parent community. To continue this open communication, I would like to reassure you about discipline and consequences at Ruahine School.

Recently we reviewed our Discipline Policy and Procedures. All staff regularly participate in discussions and training related to dealing with any behaviour issues. All Ruahine staff have completed Non-violent Crisis Intervention training, which is given by the Ministry of Education's Group Special Education branch. The first focus of this training is on identifying warning signs before an incident occurs. In the unfortunate case where this has not been possible I would like to assure you that all behaviour incidents are dealt with immediately and taken seriously.

We have a wide range of protocols and procedures that all staff are aware of. Regular discussions are held to put procedures in place to deal with any issues and student wellbeing.

As all schools do, we deal with a wide range of outside agencies in order to provide further support and advice. Obviously, due to confidentiality, staff are not able to disclose what disciplinary actions have been taken. So whilst it may appear to a number of students and their families that a consequence has not been put in place, please be rest assured it has.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to see your classroom teacher or Juliet Dickinson, Acting Principal.

Tina Broad
 Chairperson

BASKET/MINIBALL UNIFORMS

Please return all basketball and miniball uniforms to the school office (in a named plastic bag). Many thanks.

BILLETS NEEDED! ROSS SHIELD TOURNAMENT

Sunday 9th October to
 Friday 14th October

Billeting officer:

Heather Pederson

Ph 374 6614

Email: hossnhez@xtra.co.nz

WATCH THE SKY For our Ruahine Stars!

The flights for our two Star pupil winners had to be postponed due to weather. Watch the sky for our Ruahine Stars this Wednesday 24 August at around 12.30 pm, and give them a big wave!

CONGRATULATIONS

to past Ruahine students, Ruth Barrow, Jonathon Harris and Matthew Payne who were 3 of the 4 year 9 DTIS students awarded an Edith Minor Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded to students who display high academic achievement upon entry to Dannevirke High School.

YOUR Library - the HEART of OUR Community!

Tararua District Library Trivia Trophy

Join in the THIRD ANNUAL TARARUA DISTRICT LIBRARY Trivia Quiz. There will be spot prizes, a prize for the best fancy dress and a trophy & medals/prizes for the overall Tararua District champions.

WHEN: Thursday 8th September

TIME: Starting 7pm, finishing 9pm

WHERE: Your local Community Library

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