

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday 14 December

☺ School Reports sent home

### Thursday 15 December

☺ Prizegiving practice 9am-1pm

☺ Prizegiving 6:30 pm at the Hub

### Friday 16 December

☺ Last Day of School -12pm finish  
Buses will run at this time.

## Reminders

## SWIMMING POOL

### HIRE A POOL KEY

**\$60**

Pop in to See Deb in the office, sign a disclaimer and pay BEFORE Friday.

### 2012 TERM DATES:

#### Term 1

Starts: Wednesday 1 February

Ends: Thursday 5 April

#### Term 2

Starts: Monday 23 April

Ends: Friday 29 June

#### Term 3

Starts: Monday 16 July

Ends: Friday 28 September

#### Term 4

Starts: Monday 15 October

Ends: Wednesday 19 December

## SPORTS PHOTOS & LATEST ROOM 7 PHOTO

Please contact Judy Edmonds directly. Photos \$14 each.  
Judy Edmonds, Quickpix Photography, 374 5171  
[www.edmonds-photography.co.nz](http://www.edmonds-photography.co.nz)

## NO LUNCH ORDERS THIS FRIDAY!

### Next Term:

- Chicken Burgers
- Hamburgers (with lettuce, cheese & sauce)
- Juicies (if available)

All lunches to be ordered and paid for on

## THURSDAY

mornings next term.

Parent Helpers—please let us know if you can assist with lunches.

# RUAHINE SCHOOL

## Principal's Report

Wednesday 14 December 2011

Kia ora,

Welcome to our last school newsletter of the year. An RD2 newsletter will go out next week with community events and notices.

Our school leadership survey was counted and 29 families sent in a response. Of those 29, 20 families support the proposed changes. The Board also received 2 letters opposing the changes and 1 letter supporting the change. The Board discussed the issue at length at their meeting on Monday night. We have decided to go ahead with proposed changes in 2012. All Year 8 students will be invited to apply to the portfolios they would like to participate in. There will be a leader of each portfolio named at the beginning of each term. All portfolio members and leaders will receive a badge. Our first badges will be presented at our assembly on Friday 10th February. Thank you to all community members who participated in the survey and who made contact with the school to express their concerns or support.

School reports are being sent home with students today. Enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child in each family you will also find our 2012 Stationery List, a booklet which explains levels and our school reports and a booklet with our schoolwide results in Literacy & Mathematics. A 2012 Senior Camp letter and gear list has been sent home with this newsletter. All of these items can be viewed on our website: [www.ruahine.school.nz](http://www.ruahine.school.nz)

Our school prizegiving takes place tomorrow night from 6:30 pm at the Hub. We request that all students arrive by 6:15pm, dressed in the clothes they will be performing in. All classes will be travelling by bus into the Hub tomorrow morning for practices. If you would like to pick your child up early so that they can have a rest in the afternoon you can pick them up from school from 12:30 pm (excluding Room 1 & Kapa Haka members who will still be in at the practice).

There are a number of parents and community members who have helped us out during the school year. To all of you who came on class trips, transported students, helped out in class, sewed costumes, coached sports teams, shifted furniture and to our Board and PFK members, thank you so much for all of your valuable time and contributions. Without your support there is no way that we could provide our students with so many opportunities.

A reminder that school closes at 12pm on Friday. Buses will run at this time (excluding the Rua Roa extension).

Finally, on behalf of the staff at Ruahine, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to working with you again in 2012.

*Vanessa Pitt, Principal*

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**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY  
SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12 NOON  
BUSES RUN AT THIS TIME**

School Starts  
Wednesday  
1 February

## RUAHINE SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING

Thursday 15 December

6.30 pm at The Hub

(23 Gordon Street, Dannevirke)

Children to be there from 6.15 pm please.

All children to arrive at the Hub in their class themed costumes please (even if they are involved in more than one item).

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEAD STUDENTS:



Hi everyone. All the year 8's were invited to Mr & Mrs Pitt's home last night for a "Year 8 Leavers Dinner". Although we all individually said our thank you's we would like to say a public thanks to them both for opening their home to us all and for a lovely dinner. This has been a tradition for 4 years now and we hope it continues so that future year 8's get to experience this evening.

We are all looking forward to our prize-giving, to seeing the class items, the kapa haka and band performances, and especially finding out who our award recipients are. See you there! Erin & David

## LIBRARY BOOKS & SCHOOL JOURNALS

Please return ASAP please!

## HAY! The PFK needs you!

As hay making season approaches it's a good time to remind you all that HAY is one of the Parents For Kids' most successful fundraisers, and its success relies on the ongoing support of our school community.

The PFK gets paid for each individual bale it moves from the paddock to the required hay shed. It relies a lot on man/woman power, so the more people who can help the better. The PFK will reward you for your efforts with a cold drink and something to eat afterwards. This is a great way to meet people and support your school.

Hay is very weather dependant, and can be very unpredictable. A PFK member will contact you during the summer holidays to see if you are available to help. You may get phoned for more than one hay pick up. Whilst we try to give you as much notice as possible, it can be very last minute, and times and dates may change.

Thanks to Lisa Galloway who has kindly offered to co-ordinate this year's hay fundraiser again.

## UNIFORM FOR SALE:

Skirt (16),  
Sweatshirt (14)  
Poloshirt (14)

Only 12 mths old.  
Any offers, phone Casey on 374 8026.

## NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Te Rehunga Hall, 7.30 pm onwards

**Saturday 31 December**

Theme: "Black & White"

Music by Steve Wallace

**BYO. Supper provided. Cost \$15 pp**  
Tickets available from: Kay Nilson 374 5091,  
Liz Manning 374 5052, Judy Jones 374 6992  
**Funds to Te Rehunga Hall maintenance.**

Relief milker available immediately.  
Reliable, experienced. Please phone Stacey on 374 8026 or 0278462074.

## LOST PROPERTY

Please pop into the back of the hall and go through lost property. Unclaimed, un-named uniform items will be put into the PFK's second hand uniform stock for next year.

Please search your homes and return ALL school TRACK SUITS & SPORT UNIFORMS to school ASAP

The PFK would like to thank you for your calendar orders. All calendars have been distributed. Please advise if you have not received yours yet. No late orders will be accepted. The PFK thank you all for your support throughout the year and wish you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

## DANNEVIRKE TENNIS CLUB

Tennis coaching will commence on  
Tues 14th February 2012 @ 3.45pm.  
Enquiries: Nicola Campbell 3742911 or  
0274422764

## PIANO LESSONS

### Ruth Appleton ATCL, IRMT

Teacher of Piano (keyboard) and theory  
Classical and Modern Streams

Lesson times are now available during school hours Wednesday/Thursday 12 noon to 3 pm at Ruahine School, and will continue in 2012. This musical opportunity will be permanent, depending solely on continuing piano student numbers.

ANZCA exam syllabus available  
Please phone 374 6981 after 7.00 pm.

## KIWI SPORTS

A huge thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have supported in any way with our Kiwi Sports this year. We truly appreciate your time and effort.

Keep rocking with sports and have a safe and Merry Christmas!

Mrs Jones

Rocking with Sport at the School that Rocks!

