

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday 3 October

☺ Year 6-8 Cycle Safety

### Friday 4 November

☺ Ruahine Calf & Lamb Day

### Monday 7 November

☺ Year 7-8 Parent Meeting re Pubertal Change unit, 11:30 am

### Friday 11 November

☺ Dannevirke & Districts Lamb & Calf Day 2011

### Monday 14 November

☺ BOT Meeting, 7 pm

### Friday 18 November

☺ SCHOOL GALA 10:30-12:30

### Friday 25 November

☺ Ruahine Athletics

### Friday 9 December

☺ School Picnic @ Splash Planet

### Thursday 15 December

☺ Prizegiving 6:30 pm

### Friday 16 December

☺ Last Day of School-12pm finish

## Reminders

### SENIOR CAMP 2012

(For all year 5, 6, 7, 8 students)

**20-24 FEBRUARY 2012**  
Camp Raukawa, Wanganui

Year 5-6 \$160

Year 7-8 \$250

*(We do expect these costs to come down)*

The BOT have applied for two grants and Gala money raised will help subsidise camp costs.

**HOWEVER, JUST IN CASE...**

Start spreading the cost now!

**DIRECT CREDIT:**

Ruahine School BOT

060729 0546227-00

Any queries to Debbie Swaby

### FRIDAY LUNCHES

Due to postponement of Calf & Lamb Day we will have another Pie Day this Friday

Mince Pie \$2.00  
Mince & Cheese Pie \$2.00  
Mini Mince Savoury \$1.50

Order BEFORE 9am on

**THURSDAY**

from the Resource Room.

**MORE FOOD FOR SALE ON FRIDAY FROM THE FOOD STAND BEHIND THE HALL**

# RUAHINE SCHOOL

## Principal's Report

Wednesday 2 November 2011

Kia ora,

Keep your fingers crossed for good weather this Friday as we hold our postponed Calf & Lamb Day. Please note that it is likely that the competition will go ahead regardless of the weather because we do not have another postponement day set. See the separate notice in this newsletter for more details.

Exciting news! Our Term 1 & 2 RTV crew won their section of the Inaugural Manawatu Digi Awards held at a fully packed Regent Theatre in Palmerston North on Monday night. One of the judges spoke to the kids after the event and said that they came really close to winning the Year 7-8 Supreme Award which is pretty amazing for a little school like ours, competing against large intermediate schools with TV stations, ICT suites and Digital Classes. Congratulations Mr Dickinson and to the awesome RTV Crew - you rock!

I have confidence in our staff to deal with all parent concerns in a timely and appropriate manner. Some staff members are receiving phone calls at home at night, in the weekend and before school regarding students at school. Unless it is an emergency please leave a message on the school answerphone or email the staff member concerned. Below is a list of all staff email addresses:

Room 1: <a href="mailto:jdickinson@ruahine.school.nz">jdickinson@ruahine.school.nz</a>	Room 2: <a href="mailto:staylor@ruahine.school.nz">staylor@ruahine.school.nz</a>
Room 3: <a href="mailto:rmcnair@ruahine.school.nz">rmcnair@ruahine.school.nz</a>	Room 4: <a href="mailto:bhunt@ruahine.school.nz">bhunt@ruahine.school.nz</a>
Room 5: <a href="mailto:crendell@ruahine.school.nz">crendell@ruahine.school.nz</a>	Room 6: <a href="mailto:isenior@ruahine.school.nz">isenior@ruahine.school.nz</a>
Room 7: <a href="mailto:itolley@ruahine.school.nz">itolley@ruahine.school.nz</a>	Jo Brown: <a href="mailto:jbrown@ruahine.school.nz">jbrown@ruahine.school.nz</a>
Office: <a href="mailto:office@ruahine.school.nz">office@ruahine.school.nz</a>	Vanessa Pitt: <a href="mailto:principal@ruahine.school.nz">principal@ruahine.school.nz</a>

Because pricing has not been finalised for our Splash Planet trip, the notice will now be coming out next week.

And finally, Staffing decisions have been made for 2012 and I can confirm the following year levels and teachers for next year:

Room 1: Year 7-8, Juliet Dickinson (Deputy Principal)  
Room 2: Year 6-7, Suze Taylor  
Room 3: Year 5-6, Ruth McNair  
Room 4: Year 4, Bronwyn Hunt  
Room 5: Year 2-3, Jo Brown  
Room 6: Year 1-2, Iveta Senior (Junior team leader)  
Room 7: Year 0-1, Janet Tolley (Reading Recovery Teacher)  
RTV: Chris Dickinson

See you on Friday!

*Vanessa Pitt, Principal*

*Ruahine - The Best I Can Do, The Best I Can Be*

*Kia runga rauapa au ki te mahi, Kia Rangatira toku to*

## OUR WINNING RTV CREW:



Left to right: Brian Dunford, Monique Barrow, Paige Mackenzie, Todd Anderson, David Senior, Tayla Jones.  
Absent: Erin Gernhoefer, RTV Teacher - Chris Dickinson

## YUMMY STICKERS

Thank you for your Yummy Stickers. They have entitled us to

**\$198**

of sports equipment! We will let you know what we decide to buy.

Please keep sending in all Yummy Stickers and the bar codes from the Yummy apple bags.

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEAD STUDENTS:



Hi everyone. There were some pretty cool craft creations and amazing decorated cakes at school last Friday. Well done to all the kids who put their creative abilities to work! Thanks also to those of you who bought raffle tickets for the cakes. We raised another \$213.20 which will go towards our end of year Splash Planet trip.

Both of us were proud to be part of the Ruahine TV crew who won the Digi-Awards music video. We would like to thank Mr Dickinson for his help and creative input into all of our RTV productions. You rock Mr D! Erin and David

## RUAHINE CALF & LAMB DAY 2011 This Friday, 4 November 2011

We are very reluctant to cancel Calf and Lamb Day again. However if the weather looks dreadful, a decision will be made at 10.30 am. Once again please ring and listen to the message on the school answer machine from 10.30 am.

Lambs and calves need to be at school by 11.30 am at the latest. Normal classroom programmes will take place until 11.30 am. Students without lambs and calves will rotate to three different stations throughout the afternoon, as per the following timetable:

### LAMB & CALF DAY TIMETABLE

	Students bringing a calf/lamb	Students not bringing calf/lamb
11.30—12.00	All calves & lambs to be taken to back field by 11.30 am.	<b>Rotation 1</b>
12.00—12.30		<b>Rotation 2</b>
12.30—1.15		LUNCH - students to view judging or play around the front of the school
1.15—2.00	Judging begins at 12.00	To lamb and calf ring to view judging
2.00—2.30		<b>Rotation 3</b>
2.30—3.00		View lamb and calf cup presentations

**ALL PARENTS, WHANAU AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME!**

**FOOD SALES** Children will order pies on THURSDAY MORNING as usual. ALL students will make their way to the hall at lunch time on FRIDAY to collect their pie. The PFK will be selling sausages at \$1.50 each, plus other goodies during the day for our visitors + extra hungry students.

### Positive Puberty Programme

Year 7/8 students will be participating in a 'Positive Puberty' programme on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The students will be working through a set programme from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. This will be delivered by the Public Health Nurse, Mrs Dickinson and Miss Taylor. For the majority of this programme the boys and girls will be split. Please feel free to visit the following website as this is one of the main resources we use: [http://www.tki.org.nz/r/health/cia/pos\\_puberty/index\\_e.php](http://www.tki.org.nz/r/health/cia/pos_puberty/index_e.php)  
Mrs Dickinson will be holding a parent meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30 am in Room 1 if you would like further information.

### SCHOOL FEES & TECHNOLOGY FEES

Statements were sent home yesterday. Please remember that technology fees are a compulsory fee, not a voluntary donation. Please contact Debbie Swaby if you have any queries.

Pop in and view the photo exhibition in the old Johnson's Travel building. Open THIS WEEK ONLY, 9-4.30 and Saturday from 9am.

### TOOTH BOOTH

The Tooth Booth is at school. Please ensure you return all treatment forms from them ASAP in order that they can treat your child. If you wish to contact Shannon and Shona (our Tooth Fairies) please ring the school and Deb will transfer you to the Tooth Booth.

## SCHOOL CALENDARS

Our students have prepared their personalised "Calendar Art" for their calendars. These are on display in the office foyer. Orders close Monday 28 November.

## CYCLE SAFETY

Rooms 1 and 2 are participating in a 'Cycle Safety' session run by Lynda Kendrick on Thursday 3 November. Two representatives will be chosen to attend the Tararua Young Cyclist of the Year competition in Woodville on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. Can all students who have a bike please bring it to school next Thursday 3 November (helmet included).

Schooltex has donated \$200.85 to us. Thank you for nominating Ruahine School when you shop at Postie Plus!

**MISSING** - pair of black shoes, size 10, B52's from outside room 7 (3 days old). If taken by mistake, please return ASAP.

### LOST PROPERTY

There are 11 un-named Ruahine sweatshirts in lost property this week. PLEASE CLEARLY NAME ALL UNIFORM ITEMS.

### TOUCH RUGBY

Touch starts this Friday, 28 October at Coronation Park. Players are to wear black shorts and their blue Ruahine polo shirts. Could ALL teams please be ready to play by 4pm. The first Round will kick off at 4.15pm. If the weather is wet I will ring the school and coaches to let them know. Look forward to seeing everyone and hoping our weather is nice and sunny for the kids.

### Ruahine Rig - Bike to School on Fridays Starts Friday 4 November

All cyclists MUST be year 4 or upwards. They must wear a high visibility jacket, correct fitting helmet, have a roadworthy bike with good working brakes. THE RIG WILL ONLY BE SUPERVISED ONE WAY. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD AND THEIR BIKE FROM SCHOOL IF YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THEM BIKING HOME WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION.