

Upcoming Events

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
HIRE A POOL KEY \$60

SCHOOL PICNIC @ SPLASH PLANET Friday 9 December

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.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Sausage in Bread \$1.50

Order from Resource Room

FRIDAY

morning before 9.00 am

RUAHINE SCHOOL

Principal's Report

Tuesday 22nd November 2011

Kia ora,

Welcome to the first RD2 newsletter on our brand new newsletter paper. Thanks so much to all of our sponsors who continually support us and make it possible for us to keep our RD2 community informed of what is happening at the school that rocks.

Our school gala took place on Friday & was a huge success with the preliminary profit being \$1,855. This great fundraising effort will be put toward subsidising the cost of our Year 5-8 camp next year. Thanks so much to all community members who attended, those parents and whanau members that helped out and to all parents who supported this event by sending food items and spending money to school!

Congratulations to Kayne Moloney who came 3rd at the Manawatu Cyclist of the Year Competition on Friday!

Staff will be meeting with our Year 5-7 students this week to discuss the proposed changes to our leadership system. This will provide students with an opportunity to voice their opinions. We will update you as to how the system will work before the end of term.

Splash planet transport and permission slips are due back at school by Friday. Spare copies can be downloaded from our website, or pop into the office for one. Please ensure you return these slips on time so that bus arrangements etc can be confirmed.

We are looking forward to our annual Athletics competition at Ruahine this Friday. Students are invited to come dressed in their house colours for the day. We are anticipating it being windy but fine. If there is a need to postpone, there will be a message on the school answer machine at 7:45 am. The postponement date is next Tuesday 29th November. We will need some parent volunteers to help out on the day with stop watches, recording measurements etc. Please see Jo Brown or Iveta Senior if you are able to help out. Parents are also invited to form a 4 x 4 relay team for our kids v parents v staff race. As I recall, the parents are the reigning champions! See you all at athletics on Friday!

Finally thank you for your co-operation and understanding when the buses were cancelled yesterday afternoon due to the high winds. We really appreciate how flexible and supportive you were in having to make alternative arrangements to pick up your children.

Vanessa Pitt, Principal

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

Kia runga raua au ki te mahi, Kia Rangatira toku to

From the Board of Trustees:

- ☺ We were successful in receiving \$2,717 from Infinity Foundation toward the cost of travel to and from camp next year & are awaiting the outcome of our Eastern & Central Grant application for other camp costs.
- ☺ Board members discussed the new leadership proposal and supported its' trial in 2012
- ☺ We are currently awaiting quotes to create a Room 7 cloak bay beside their current classroom
- ☺ The Board approved the purchase & lease of 20 new or ex-lease computers to upgrade the current PCs in classrooms across the school
- ☺ The Board will offer RTV in 2012 for Year 8s and will also fund an ICT extension programme for one day per week, upskilling students across the school by creating entries for the 2012 Manawatu Digi Awards

MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEAD STUDENTS:



Hi everyone. It was great to see you all at our mini Gala last Friday. We were blown away that we made a huge profit of \$1,855 in just two hours! As Mrs Pitt said, thank you to all parents who came to school, donated food items and provided kids with oodles of spending money. We'd also like to thank Tonka (Tinkerbell Dairy) for donating lollie bags, Dannevirke Scouts for the use of their horizontal bungie, Roxy Gimblett for her horse and pony for rides, the Sandbrook family for donating lollies and a huge thanks to Dannevirke Dairy Supplies for paying for the bouncy castle. We really appreciate your support! Erin and David

SENIOR CAMP 2012

20-24 FEBRUARY 2012

Camp Raukawa, Wanganui

We have been granted \$2,717.40 towards bus costs from Infinity Foundation, reducing costs by \$30 per child. The gala profits have further reduced costs by \$20 per child.

Camp costs per child have now reduced to:

Year 5/6 \$110 Year 7/8 \$200

(NB: We expect costs to come down)

We are still awaiting the outcome from addition grant applications and will notify you as soon as we know.

You are invited to start spreading the cost now!

DIRECT CREDIT: Ruahine School BOT

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Any queries to Debbie Swaby in the school office.

HOSANNA BAPTIST CHURCH FAIR, 331 High Street, Dannevirke

Saturday 26 November 2011, 9.00 am. Lots of fun & stalls. All welcome!

Melissa Martin Academy of Dance Proudly Presents

SPRING SUMMER

FOUR SEASONS

AUTUMN WINTER

Dannevirke Town Hall
Friday 9 Dec - 7.00pm
Saturday 10 Dec - 2.00pm & 7.00pm

Tickets Available From
Whiplash Surf & Sports Wear - High St Dannevirke
Adults \$12.50 Children \$7.00 Family (2+3) \$35.00

The MacDonald School of Dance presents:

THE BEAST & GREASE

as their 2011 Production
**Wednesday 23 November
& Thursday 24 November**

Tickets from the Dannevirke Information Centre
Come and watch Ruahine's past and present students perform!

Have you visited our school website, or read newsletters online?

www.ruahine.school.nz

PRE-SCHOOLERS

Are your children registered on our pre-school enrolment list? Please give us a call on 374 9200.

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 2012 "Calendar Art" is on display in the office foyer. Calendars \$10 each.
Orders close Monday 28 November.

SPORTS PHOTOS & LATEST ROOM 7 PHOTO

Photos and order forms are in the office foyer.
Photos \$14 each.
Cheques payable to Quickpix Photography.

WANTED TO RENT:

Professional Christchurch family moving to Dannevirke over 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.

TECHNOLOGY FEES

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

Ryan Chasland

Town and country all round gardener. I mow lawns, trim hedges, remove boxthorn, spray blackberry and other weeds.
Call 374 5162 or 027 511 0401.

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.

RUAHINE ATHLETICS DAY

Friday 25 November

(Cancellation date Tuesday 29 November)

Students report to class at 9am as usual. Our athletes assemble on the field at 9.15 am and rotate around 8 stations in their age groups. Age groups are based on your child's age as at the inter-school athletics date (ie Thursday 1 December). If cancelled, a message will be left on the school answer machine from 7.45 am.

Children are encouraged to dress in their house colours.

CAN YOU HELP? Parent helpers needed to help time and run stations with the teachers.

FOOD FOR SALE: Our PFK Committee are selling sausages and an assortment of food and drinks on the day.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL ON FRIDAY!