

Upcoming Events

Thursday 1 December

☺ Interschool Athletics

Friday 2 December

☺ School Assembly 2:15pm

Wednesday 7 December

☺ School Leaders trip

Friday 9 December

☺ School Picnic @ Splash Planet

Monday 12 December

☺ BOT Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 13 December

☺ School Reports sent home

☺ Leavers' Dinner 6:30 pm

Thursday 15 December

☺ Prizegiving practice 9am-1pm

☺ 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

Swimming Lessons

Our junior school have begun begin swimming lessons every Tuesday & Thursday. Please send your child to school with named togs, towel and goggles in a plastic bag.

SPORTS PHOTOS & LATEST ROOM 7 PHOTO

Photos and order forms are in the office foyer.

Photos \$14 each.

Cheques payable to Quickpix Photography.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Sausage in Bread \$1.50

Order from Resource Room

FRIDAY

morning before 9.00 am

RUAHINE SCHOOL

Principal's Report

Wednesday 30 November 2011

Kia ora,

The end of year countdown has begun and classes are busy practising their items for our prize-giving. The theme this year is "Back in the Day" - we're confident that you'll recognise and have fond memories of all of the songs being used!

Well done to all students who participated in our athletics competition last Friday. Despite the wind and lack of sunshine the day was a big success. Results are attached. Good luck to our inter-school competitors for tomorrow! Congratulations to Rokai for being the winning house. Rokai have won all inter-house sports events this year! Certificates and trophies will be presented at our last assembly being held this Friday from 2:15 pm.

Accompanying this newsletter today is an information sheet for you to read and discuss regarding the proposed leadership changes next year. You will find a cut-out form below that you can send along to school with your opinion about the changes. All responses need to be received by Thursday 8th December.

Our Splash Planet trip next Friday is fast approaching. Thank you to those who have returned their forms. We are **DESPERATELY** seeking the forms of the few who have still not come in so that we can confirm bus arrangements. A notice will come home next week for all parents who will be attending on the day. Please return all money for this trip by Friday.

Room 4 had a fun sleepover at school last week. Despite the rain dampening their plans to swim in the river and toast marshmallows, they had a great time constructing rafts, stretchers and making "s'mores" over a gas cooker! A huge thank you to all parents who assisted over the day and night of the sleepover.

We hope to see many of you at our last assembly of the year, this Friday at 2:15pm in the school hall.

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

SCHOOL PICNIC @ SPLASH PLANET

Friday 9 December

Permission slips are due back ASAP.

Payment is due by this Friday, 2 December.

RUAHINE SCHOOL FEEDBACK FORM PROPOSED LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Our family supports the proposed leadership changes

YES

NO

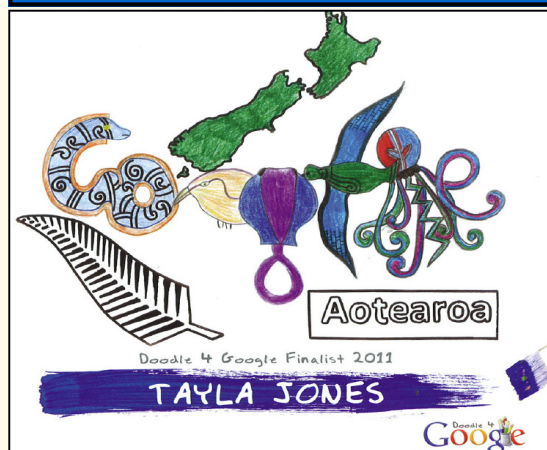
Please return this form to the school office by 3pm Thursday 8th December

MESSAGE FROM YOUR HEAD STUDENTS:



Only two and a half weeks to go! Where has the time gone? Erin and David

Hi everyone. Thank goodness the rain stayed away so we could have our house relays yesterday. Congratulations to Rokai girls and Matanganui boys for winning the house relays. Well done do everyone who took part in our Athletics Day last Friday! For the remainder of this week until Tuesday next week we (the leaders) will be selling raffle tickets for our Snack Attack Prize Box (\$2 per ticket). We will start bringing it around classes tomorrow. This is to help raise money for our leader's trip next week.



TAYLA JONES

Doodle 4 Google Finalist 2011

Well over 2500 schools entered this year's Doodle for Google competition. Our very own Tayla Jones was chosen out of thousands and thousands of doodlers to be one of the Doodle 4 Google's 100 finalists! This is truly a huge achievement and Ruahine School should be super proud! A big thanks to all the Ruahine School doodlers!



CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE TAYLA!

RUAHINE SCHOOL ATHLETICS RESULTS

Little Tacker Boys:

1st Aaron Davis
2nd Tamati Rautahi
3rd = Joshua Baker & Walter Sandbrook

Little Tacker Girls:

1st Sophie Dickinson
2nd Alana Bunn
3rd Rebekah Irwin

Junior Boys:

1st Matthew King
2nd Lachlan Christian
3rd Nick Barrow

Junior Girls:

1st = May Gernhoefer & Courtney Stoddart
3rd Chanel McKeefry

Intermediate Boys:

1st Shaun Dunford
2nd Ethan Rosvall
3rd Josh Mumby

Intermediate Girls:

1st Gemma Swaby
2nd Trudy Barrow
3rd Rebecca Lyons

Senior Boys:

1st Caleb Kamura
2nd David Senior
3rd Carl Swaby

Senior Girls:

1st Monique Barrow
2nd Erin Gernhoefer
3rd Tayla Jones

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ruahine Rig

Bike to School on Friday

As a reward, all students who ride their bike to school this Friday will get to go out for a session with Constable Lynda Kendrick on Friday morning. She will set up a Junior and Senior course for the students to ride around.

All rig cyclists **MUST** be year 4 or upwards (unless they are supervised by a parent), wear a high visibility jacket, correct fitting helmet, ride a roadworthy bike with good working brakes.

Junior students who cannot be supervised by a parent on the rig may have their bike dropped off at school on Friday morning.

NB: 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.

NORTHERN RIG:

7.40 am Meet Mrs Senior at Rua Roa Hall (cnr Laws & Top Grass Roads). Along Top Grass, down Tamaki River Road. Meet 8.00 am at Lowe's (316 Tamaki River Road). Turn right into Te Rehunga North Road, left into Kumeti, right into Te Rehunga South Road to school. You may join us at any safe point along this route.

SOTHERN RIG:

8.10 am Meet Mrs Hunt at Greg & Mary Barrows (Maharashtra Road) and continue to school.

Relief milker available immediately. Very reliable, experienced, please phone Stacey on 0278462074.

THANK YOU!

Angela Irwin—YOU ROCK for helping out with Kiwi Sports' run, jump, throw last Wednesday. We really appreciate and value your time. Tracey Henderson and Mrs Jones



NORSEWOOD AND DISTRICTS SCHOOL FUNDRAISER:

"Take a kid hunting and fishing competition"

9th 10th and 11th December 2011

Entries close: Friday 2nd December

Queries to Tom & Prue Deighton, 374 1596

Grab an entry form from the Ruahine School office.

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.