

Upcoming Events

Monday 6 February

☺ Waitangi Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday 8 February

☺ Camp Meeting 7pm - School Hall

Tuesday 14 February

☺ "Meet the Creature" night from 5.30 pm.

☺ Camp parent helper meeting @ 5pm (Room 1)

Monday 20 February

☺ Year 7 & 8 depart for Camp

Wednesday 22 February

☺ Year 5 & 6 depart for Camp

Friday 24 February

☺ Years 5-8 return from Camp

Thursday 15 March

☺ School Swimming Sports (Years 5-8)

Thursday 22 March

☺ Interschool Swimming

REMINDERS

SWIMMING

The school pool is open for use every day. Your child will have at least 2 class swimming lessons per week & it is an expectation that your child will come prepared (with togs, goggles & towel) for each class lesson.

Supervised lunchtime swims at 1pm:

Mondays & Wednesdays: Senior Lunchie

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Junior Lunchie

NO LUNCH ORDERS THIS FRIDAY!

From Next Week:

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

All lunches to be ordered and paid for on **THURSDAY** mornings.

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

RUAHINE SCHOOL

1 February 2012

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the school that rocks! We have welcomed a number of new families to our school. We hope that your children have enjoyed their first day and that you will all quickly feel part of the Ruahine family.

Once again we have a very settled staff this year with most classroom teachers and support staff the same as last year. Jo Brown has taken Carl Rendell's place as Room 5 teacher whilst Carl completes 32 weeks of study leave from the end of February. An exciting addition to our ICT extension teaching in 2012 includes Chris Dickinson working for 1 day per week with small groups of children across the school on projects to submit toward the Manawatu Digi Awards. I will also be teaching in Room 7 for one hour per day while Mrs Tolley is taking reading recovery - I can't wait to get stuck in and work with our newest Ruahine rockers! Finally, Bronwyn Hunt is currently on Bereavement Leave until next Tuesday and Carl Rendell is teaching in Room 4 in the meantime.

To ensure that we have enough computers to give lots of opportunities to our students, the Board has invested in 10 brand new high spec computers and 10 ex-lease computers. Every class without an Interactive Whiteboard has also been fitted with a data projector - very exciting ICT upgrades - thank you BOT!

Our new student leadership system starts this term and our first teams and team leaders will be announced at Assembly next Friday 10th February. Each team member and leader will be presented with a badge and parents and family members are invited to join us for these presentations. All Year 8 students will be focusing on helping design this system over the first weeks of term.

Camp planning and preparation is well under way. Forms will be coming out in the next few days - please ensure that you return these to school promptly. A parent meeting takes place on Wednesday 8th February at 7pm. This is an opportunity for you to find out about the programme, facilities, activities and to ask any questions. Parent helpers attending camp are also asked to attend an additional meeting prior to our Meet the Creature evening on 14th February. All camp forms will also be placed on the school website.

You are welcome to come into school to meet your child's teacher, have a look around and discuss any issues or queries you may have. We will be holding a "Meet the Creature" evening on Tuesday 14th February, but you don't have to wait until then to come in and meet us. Please always go to your child's classroom teacher as the first port of call if you have a query or issue.

Thank you to those parents who ensured their child had stationery covered and at school ready to start the year with. Covering all books is one of our A1 standards and ensures that books stay tidy throughout the year. Covers can be purchased through the school office. We understand that fancy duraseal etc can drastically increase the cost of stationery and encourage parents to just use clear duraseal and perhaps let children personalise their books by putting magazine pictures or photos on the front instead.

To parents of our Year 7 & 8 students - technology begins this term and will take place each Tuesday. Please ask your child for the notice that was sent home regarding Technology organisation.

I look forward to catching up with you all over the next few weeks. Enjoy your first week back!

Vanessa Pitt, Principal

Family Picnic & Meet the Creature

TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY FROM 5:30 PM

Meet your child's teacher & visit their classroom. Bring a picnic dinner & drinks. FREE sausages. Swimming from 5:30 - 6:30 pm

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

2012 Ruahine Staff

Vanessa Pitt	Principal
Juliet Dickinson	Deputy Principal, Room 1 Teacher
Susanne Taylor	Room 2 Teacher
Ruth McNair	Room 3 Teacher
Bronwyn Hunt	Room 4 Teacher
Jo Brown	Room 5 Teacher
Iveta Senior	Room 6 Teacher
Janet Tolley	Room 7 Teacher
Carl Rendell	Release Teacher (Weeks 1-4, Term 1)
Chris Dickinson	Ruahine TV, ICT extension (2 days)
Debbie Swaby	Office Administrator
Ali Watts	Teacher Aide & Librarian
Deidre Jones	Teacher Aide & Rocking with Sport
Tracey Henderson	School Cleaner
Ian Hunt	School Caretaker

SENIOR CAMP 2012 20-24 FEBRUARY 2012 Camp Raukawa, Wanganui

Year 5/6 \$80

Year 7/8 \$150

Camp costs have been reduced dramatically (from \$160 down to \$80 for the year 5/6 camp and from \$250 down to \$150 for the year 7/8 camp). This has been possible thanks to the following:

Infinity Foundation - \$2,717 towards bus costs
Eastern & Central - \$4,000 for accommodation & instructors

Ruahine School PFK - \$20 per child
Ruahine School Student Council—gala profits

Camp fees are payable, in full, by Wednesday 15 February, unless a separate arrangement or commitment has been made. Please call the school office (374 9200) and speak to Deb Swaby if you would like to set up a payment option.

**DIRECT CREDIT: Ruahine School BOT
060729 0546227-00**

ABSENCES

Please remember to phone absences into the school office by 9.00 am (374 9200) each day. Please leave a message on the answer machine.

BUS REMINDERS

Please remember to let us know of any bus changes, or send children into the office to mark themselves as car if they know they are not on bus that day. This saves time and avoids delays. Please remember to let Deb know if your regular "car" days have changed.

Ruahine Rig—Bike to School on Fridays—will start next Friday

REMINDER: All cyclists **MUST** be 10 or upwards (unless they are accompanied by a caregiver). They must wear a high visibility jacket, correct fitting helmet and ride a roadworthy bike with good working brakes.



THANKS HUNTING & FISHING!

A flyer from Hunting &

Fishing will accompany your camp gear lists. See them in their Dannevirke store for a wide range of camping products and accessories.

Remember to take the voucher at the bottom of their flyer with you because when you purchase from their store during February 2012 they will contribute 10% of your purchase to Ruahine School.

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

A copy of our dress code is attached. We will be monitoring the dress code closely in 2012, especially for correct footwear (ie. No boots, white sneakers) and correctly coloured undershirts (plain black or white only).

Please also help us by naming **EVERY** item of your child's clothing.

Un-named, un-claimed uniform items will be placed into the PFK's 2nd hand clothing stall at the end of 5 weeks of being un-claimed.

Have you visited our school website? Did you know you can read newsletters online?
www.ruahine.school.nz