



RUAHINE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 5

IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆
- ◆ Monday 18 November
Assembly 2.10pm
Lamb & Calf Day Cups
& Trophy Presentation
- ◆ Wednesday 20
November Interschool
Athletics
- ◆ Thursday 28
November Year 8 Open
Day at Dannevirke
High School
- ◆ Monday 2 December
BOT Meeting 6pm
- ◆ Friday 6 December
School Lido Trip
- ◆ Tuesday 17 December
Ruahine School Prize
Giving at The Hub 6pm
- ◆ Wednesday 18
December Year 8
Leavers Dinner
5.45pm
- ◆ Thursday 19 December
End of Term 4 School
Closes at 12.30pm
- ◆ Monday 3 February
2020 Beginning of
Term 1

Lido Bus Payment

We have now fixed up the payment showing on Kindo so you should now be able to pay for the Lido bus. Somehow it was linked to our bus tickets! Apologies for any inconvenience.

Kia ora,

Weren't we lucky with the weather for athletics on Wednesday! Thank you to all of our helpers on the day. We couldn't run the event without you:-) Congratulations to each student for their achievements and attitude. Some new personal bests were set on Wednesday! The teachers noticed how well the students supported and encouraged each other on the day. It was wonderful to see our ROCKERS values play a major role in our day. Ka pai everyone!

Below is some information about classing for 2020. This is a busy time of year as we plan for next year. If you know of anyone planning to attend Ruahine School, or if your children will not be attending next year please let Ali know.

Have a great weekend.

Nakū noa,
Sarah McCord
Principal

Class Organisation 2020

We have been busy planning for next year and we are now able to give parents an idea of how classes will look in 2020. As with previous years, class lists will not be confirmed until January as we often have summer enrolments which can change class placements. Class lists will be emailed out to you and displayed in the school office in the week prior to school commencing. Please rest assured that we put lots of thought into each child's class placement, considering the needs of each individual child whilst also considering the bigger picture in classes and across the school.

Kupe Team
Team Leader: Mrs Kate Greer

Senior Hub (Year 6/7/8)
Mr Simon Dewar, Mrs Kate Greer (Mondays), Mrs Emily Karena (Tuesday-Friday)

Room 4 (Year 5/6)
Ms Claire Mudford

Room 3 (Year 4/5)
Mrs Iveta Senior

Pounamu Team
Team Leader: Mrs Lee Gibbs

Room 5 (Year 2/3)
Mrs Fran Cammock

Room 6 (Year 1/2) - this will be in the current library
Miss April Pryor

Room 7 (New Entrants/Year 1) - this will be in the current Room 8
Mrs Lee Gibbs

Reading Recovery
Mrs Janine Castles

Learning Support and Teacher Release
Miss Kelly Gillard

How does the Senior Hub work?

The Senior Hub uses the physical spaces of Room 1 and 2, but is not organised that way. The Hub contains Year 7 and 8 students, and some Year 6's. Mrs Greer, Mrs Karena and Mr Dewar will be the senior hub teachers, with two of these teachers teaching everyday. This will give the Senior Hub the same teacher to student ratio as other classes.

We also recognise the importance of students having someone they see as 'their teacher' (called a whānau teacher). The person who they bond with the most, who celebrates their success, who 'chases' them when needed and the person that they and their parents can go to if they are having a problem. Each student will be allocated a whānau teacher (either Mrs Karena or Mr Dewar) who will be this person. Mrs Greer, as Kupe Team leader, will also be available to all students and parents if needed.

The Senior Hub allows teachers to really personalise learning for students needs as we use the benefits of collaboration to improve outcomes for learners. Students are able to learn collaboratively with a wider range of children, have more choice and control over their learning, and as teachers work more closely, they are able to use their different strengths for the benefit of all learners. Students become familiar with moving between classes and being taught by three different teachers - which is a good transition for them before they go to high school and have numerous different teachers and classes.

If you would like to have a chat about this, ask some questions or have some information about your child that you think would be valuable in their placement with a whānau teacher, please contact either Kate Greer or Sarah McCord.

A Message From Bryn Quigan BoT Chairman

I just wanted to write a short note to let you all know about an exciting initiative that Ruahine School has decided to become part of. The Government have offered a scheme to all Decile 7 or lower schools which enables them to obtain funding of \$150 per child, and this would replace the school donations that we currently have in place. These funds will be used for all the same things that we currently use the donations for, but the board hopes that with the extra funding we would now receive that it will cover all those things and more!!

The school will still continue to seek donations to help cover the expenses for the Senior Camp, as we currently do, but we hope with these extra funds there may not be the need for donations for such adventures as the Junior School day trip to The Wildlife Centre and the Esplanade, or transport to the Seven-aside tournament or Kapa Haka Festival. It may even lead to the school being able to become involved in other learning/cultural and sporting opportunities for our children.

We have opted in to this scheme for next year, but if we find things are not working for us, we can look to opt out the year after.

I hope that we are all happy with this decision, but as always I am available to discuss this with anyone who wishes to.

Regards

Bryn Quigan (BOT Chairman)

BUSES

From time to time we combine the town & country bus when we know that there will be lower numbers of children travelling home by bus in the afternoon. A text message as well as an email is sent out to parents. When this happens the townie kids will arrive in Dannevirke early. While it depends on how many stops the bus driver needs to make, we estimate that the children will be in town between 3.45pm –3.55pm. My apologies for not stating this on Wednesday in the original text & email.

A reminder that the school needs to know of any changes to children's bus routines. Please either text, ring, email or get children to pop in to the office if your child/ren are altering their bus routine. This saves teachers time in the afternoon chasing children who have not turned up for the bus.



Chairperson
Lisa Charmley
027 578 9220

PFK NEWS

Christmas Float

If you are available to help out with this year's school Christmas float please contact Lisa Charmley on the number listed at the left.



Deputy
Chairperson
Jo Passey
027 285 3637



Pamper Hamper Christmas Raffle



The PFK are going to run a Christmas raffle with the theme "Pamper Hamper". We are looking for donations of the following items:

- ◆ Treats—chocolates etc.
 - ◆ Vouchers—petrol, grocery items etc.
 - ◆ Giftware or luxury pampering items
 - ◆ Christmas decorations, tree lights, outdoor fairy lights.
- Cash donations will be gratefully accepted if you can not think of anything & we will purchase on your behalf.
- Please no alcohol, canned goods or perishable items this time.
- All donations can be left at the school office. Cut off date is Friday 22 November.

PFK Bank Account: 03 0614 0561726 00