

# Ruahine School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 9 2022

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Friday 8 July End Of Term 2
- ◆ Monday 25 July Beginning Of Term 3
- ◆ Wednesday 3 August 7 Aside Tournament Years 5, 6, 7 & 8
- ◆ Friday 5 August 7 Aside Postponement Date

Kia ora e te whānau,

Yesterday I met with our Education Review Office (ERO) partner, Mary Ely. ERO have changed their approach to school reviews so instead of a quick visit of a few days every three to five years the review partner assigned to each school regularly meets with school leaders over a three year period to learn about the school and partner with us as we progress our various initiatives and goals. I am very proud of our school, staff, students and our community so I am thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to share the work we do at Ruahine School and to talk through the progression of our goals. When Mary asked me what the strengths of our school are, it was easy to talk about the dedicated staff, the strong focus on purposeful learning, the relationships we have with our students and community, and the wonderful support we receive from our community. Ruahine School is a very special place:-)



## WE NEED YOUR YUMMY STICKERS!!!

Last year we collected 6000 stickers but so far this year we have only managed 1600. Remember, the more stickers we can collect, the more free sports gear our school will receive. You can drop your stickers into the school office.

Next week I am heading to Darwin to attend the Australian Literacy Educators' Association conference in my role as President of the New Zealand Literacy Association. I am looking forward to learning with and from my colleagues across the ditch, and perhaps the 30 degree temperatures.

Today Mrs Greer hosted the annual **interschool maths competition** via zoom for our local Dannevirke Schools. We entered four teams in the competition and our teams placed:

Year 5 and 6 - both teams placed 3rd equal

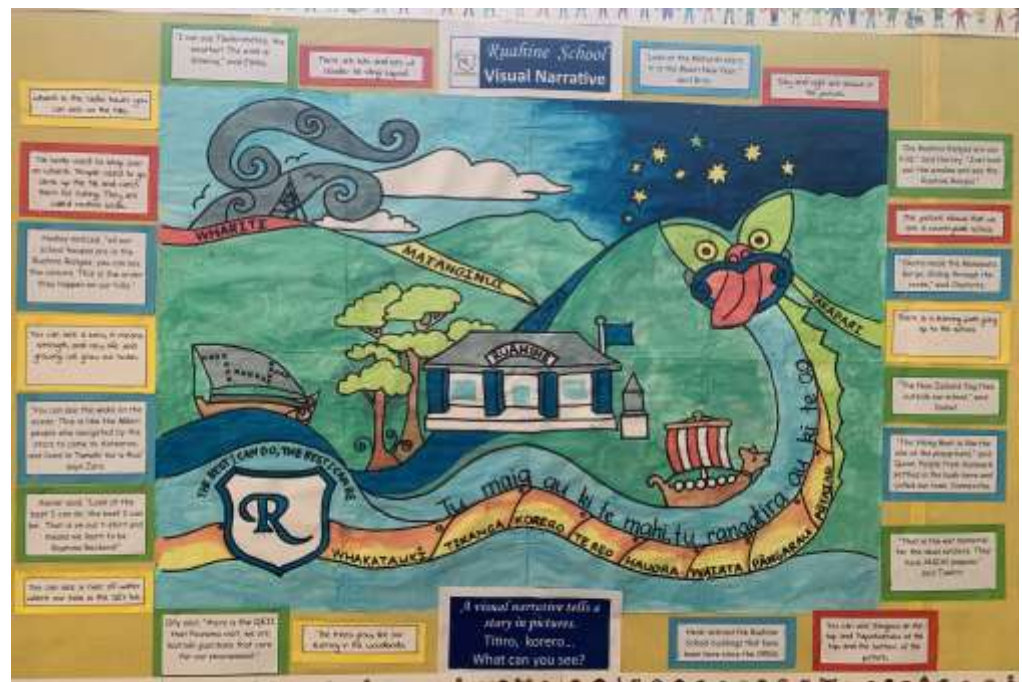
Year 7 and 8 - one team placed 2nd and one team placed 1st

Tino pai!

We are short staffed again this week due to sickness, but as usual our students and staff have shown resilience and collaboration as we all work together covering classes and duties, learning in different spaces and supporting each other.

On the last day of the term your children will bring home their mid-year report, then in Week 3 next term we will be holding learning conferences. Last term's video learning conferences were so popular we have arranged for you to have a choice of meeting on site at school or via video conference again this year.

Mā te wā,  
Sarah McCord  
Principal



Our new Visual Narrative  
created by Mrs Gibbs.

### School Board Parent Election 2022 Nomination round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for **5 School Board vacancies**. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

**Nominations close on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon.**

We look forward to your participation in this process.



Next PFK Meeting:  
Tuesday 26 July 2022



PINECONES: We still have bags of pinecones left. \$5 per bag. You can collect these from the deck outside the school library. Available until the end of this term.



## COOKIE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who purchased cookies. Your support for our fundraiser is really appreciated.

Your cookie orders will be available for pick up on THURSDAY 7 JULY from the school hall 3-3.30pm. Orders will be frozen so remember to bring your chiller bags.



## SAVE THIS DATE!

The PFK have booked Saturday 17 September 2022 as the date of our "Major Fundraiser For 2022"!!

More details to follow.