

Ruahine School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4 2022

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IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Friday 19 August Year 7 & 8 Immunizations
- ◆ Tuesday 23 August Dannevirke High School Enrolments 2-3.30pm At Ruahine School
- ◆ Monday 29 August Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm
- ◆ Wednesday 7 September Board Of Trustee Voting Closes At Noon
- ◆ Saturday 17 September Ruahine School Quiz Night
- ◆ Thursday 29 September Last Day of Term 3
- ◆ Friday 30th September Teacher Only Day School Closed

Kia ora e te whānau,

I am very pleased to let you know that the signed limited release copy of our Ritchie McCaw book, **The Open Side, is back in our library!** The Dannevirke Police recovered it in a police search warrant on an unrelated matter and today drove out to school to return it to us. We are so relieved to have this special taonga (treasure) back in our care.



Our **Mathex** teams had a great morning in Palmerston last week. We had limited time to practise this year so we opted for the challenge questions instead of the competition questions. This gave our teams an opportunity to challenge themselves and see success and to win gold, silver or bronze at Mathex.

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 teams who won Silver!
Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 teams who won Gold!

This was a fantastic effort by all of our teams. Ka mau te wehi:-)
Quick survey about reading: We love reading at Ruahine School and we provide many opportunities for children to be read to and with the teacher and for silent reading during the school day. As part of our evaluation cycle we are gathering student and whānau voice about the children's attitudes to reading at home. We would love you to complete a very short survey to help us build a picture of how children feel about reading. **Please click on the [link](#) to access the survey.**
Complete one survey for each of your children. We appreciate your support in helping us to gain a deeper understanding of children's attitudes to reading.

Masks in classrooms: Thank you for your support over the last four weeks with the use of masks in our Kupe classes. Children and staff may continue to wear masks if they choose to. The Ministry of Education is asking schools to monitor winter illnesses and local Covid 19 cases to inform our decisions about mask use. The Board has agreed that we can remove mask use in classes at this stage but leave the option open should the situation change.

In summary:

- As of Monday 22 August classes masks will no longer be required in classes, but can be worn by anyone who chooses to do so
- Masks continue to be **required on buses** for children in Years 4 to 8
- Should Covid 19 cases increase, we may reinstate mask wearing again for a short period of time.

We currently have some **very wet weather** around the rohe (district) so it is great to see children wearing rain jackets and gumboots to school. This means the children have more opportunities to play outside and get some fresh air.

Stay warm and dry!
Ngā mihi,
Sarah McCord

Dannevirke High School 2023 Enrolments

Please call Ali in the office to secure an appointment time to enroll your Year 8 child. Appointment times are between 2 & 3.30pm Tuesday 23 August here at Ruahine School. 374 9200.

A Message From Deputy Chairperson & Outgoing Board of Trustees Member Naomi Castles

As the outgoing Board of Trustees representative and the current Deputy Chair holding the Policy portfolio, I encourage you all to vote for our next school board.

The purpose of the BoT is to provide the Governance and structure for the effective management of the school. Our portfolios: Policy, Property, Finance, Health and Safety overview the bigger picture, providing a strategic perspective and framework so our staff and students have the infrastructure, resources and procedural guidance to get on with what they are there for – teaching and learning within a safe environment.

I am delighted four current board representatives are restanding for election. Bryn, Aimee, Chris and Cory have the skills, strengths and knowledge to continue to deliver positive governance and leadership to the school with the best interests of our school community in mind.

During their time on the Board Bryn, Aimee, Chris and Cory have proven themselves to be highly capable and committed to deliver favourable outcomes and provide governance based on a considered and fair approach. As a current Board we question, debate, but importantly respect and support decisions we make as a Board. They possess the relevant experience, understanding and ability to implement initiatives and successfully overcome challenges as well as continue to progress existing projects.

Current knowledge and experience bring stability and succession, just as three new nominations bring new attributes and attitudes. I applaud Sophie, Kahlia and Brian for standing, and I hope they can bring another positive perspective and valued skillset to continue a cohesive and constructive learning environment.

I encourage you to read the election statements from our 7 nominees, and cast your vote based on the value you believe your chosen individuals can bring so we elect a diverse and competent Board.

Naomi Castles

A Message From Bryn Quigan Chairperson of the Board of Trustees



As the current Presiding Member (Chairperson) of the Board of Trustees for Ruahine School, I would firstly like to thank the two current members of the board who are not looking to stand again, Naomi Castles and Bart Bowie. It has been a pleasure to work with the two of them, and I personally want to thank them both for all the tireless, and at times, thankless work they have done over the past 3 years to help guide and govern our wonderful school.

Secondly, with the school board elections upon us I would just like to remind all parents how important it is to have your say in who you want to represent the community on our Board of Trustees. The elected members are a voice for our community, and are involved in the governance and policy decisions that help to run and manage our school. As a school board and a Crown entity, it's their joint role to implement the Government and Ministry of Education's objectives and strategic direction for the education system, as well as the needs of the greater school community, and to ensure the work being undertaken by the board is in line with this. Their decisions around school Policy, Property, Finance and Health and Safety help to create a safe and healthy working environment for both staff and our children.

So it is important for you all to have your say in who you feel represents our community in those dual roles. I want to thank those of you who have nominated to be part of the board as well. It is a wonderful way to be involved with our tremendous school, and it is great to see that both current members, and new parents, are keen to possibly be involved. This shows a commitment to wanting to help with the overall guidance and management of our whole school community for the next 3 years. Thank you

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION 2022



BRYN QUIGAN

Hi, I am Bryn Quigan and I am putting my name forward to be involved with the Board of Trustees for Ruahine School for the next 3 years. I am an Agribusiness Regional Development Manager for Aon Insurance Brokers, but also have a small 50acre block within the community and try to keep my hands dirty milking cows whenever I can. My wife and I currently have 3 children at Ruahine School, aged 10, 8 and 6, so as a family we are involved across all age groups of the school. In my current role as the Chairman of The Board of Trustees for Ruahine School, I have been involved in the governance of the school, and have really enjoyed being part of our school community. I have also been involved in coaching some of the Ruahine rugby teams over the last 4 years, and this involvement has also lead me to being the current chairman of the Dannevirke JAB. I am really keen to make our school the best environment possible for all our children to learn and grow, and am looking forward to getting the opportunity to do that again.



CHRIS CHAPMAN

I am an ex Ruahine School student, with all my primary school years spent at Ruahine in the '90s. My two daughters, Lilly and Emma, now go to Ruahine and I've been on the BoT for the last year or so. I see my role on the board is to help set the school's direction and ensure it is performing well for students and the broader community. The decisions we make today should make Ruahine school better for current students and future generations. I am Taranaki District Council's Infrastructure Group Manager, and have a background in infrastructure asset management - something I can apply to overseeing the management of the school and, hopefully, influencing the Ministry of Education. I've also been involved in governance roles for infrastructure sector organisations, both in NZ and in Canada.

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CORY FOWLER

Hi my name is Cory Fowler and I would love to stay on the board, as I have really enjoyed my time as a current representative and I think I bring a lot to the team. My skills, knowledge and hands on approach to helping out and getting stuck in around the school with projects, etc. I think shows, which at the end of the day is to help out for the kids to give them a better future, and learning experience so that they enjoy coming to school. Which I would like to think this takes stress off others that might not know who to contact or were to start looking, and I think helps so their resources and time can be used elsewhere. I would like to think I bring diversity and strength to the wonderful board team that we currently have also, and I can fit in and work with who ever I need too, so as the tasks set get reached.



AIMEE CHARMLEY

My name is Aimee Charmley and I am standing for the Ruahine School Board. I have been on the Ruahine Board of Trustees since 2019 and I have held the Finance portfolio. I enjoy contributing to the Board of Trustees and I truly believe we have a great local community and fantastic school where learning thrives and our children's education is prioritized. Sarah McCord and her team are passionate about Ruahine School and all of the children's learning and it is important that the Board continues to support them. I believe that my local government experience, farming and business background provides a unique skill set that is beneficial for the Board. My husband and I own a dairy farm on Maharahara Rd in Dannevirke. I also work at Tararua District Council as the Team Leader for Planning Services. We have two children Cooper (8) and Sienna (6) and they both attend and enjoy the learning environment that Ruahine School offers. I wish to continue to make a contribution to the school and help support Sarah McCord and her team at Ruahine via the Board of Trustees and welcome your support.

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SOPHIE LESLIE

Kia ora, my name is Sophie Leslie. I grew up in Dannevirke and am married to Matt Leslie. I have three children, two of whom are Ruahine School students. We attended university and started our careers in Palmerston North until 2015, when we made the move 'home' to Dannevirke to offer our children the rural upbringing that we had the privilege of experiencing as children. I am the head teacher at Kids Castle and co director of our business Boyden Transport alongside my husband. When we were looking for the right school for our oldest son, we visited Ruahine and were impressed by the strong value system and learning opportunities that are not readily found in bigger schools. We fell in love with the tight knit school and dedicated teachers and families who have a true understanding of what it means to be a community. I have a special interest in educational policy and ensuring that Ruahine School remains a community focussed school where all children have the ability to thrive. I would love the opportunity to be a parent representative on our school board and look forward to sharing my knowledge of the education sector along with my passion for supporting learning and development with our school community.



KAHLIA CHRISTISON

Hi, my name is Kahlia Christison; mum of four beautiful children, three of whom are at Ruahine School and one who starts early next year. I am wife to my supportive husband, Shaun and together we have Dannevirke Mini Diggers. I also work as the Administrator and Grants Coordinator for the Dannevirke Sports Club and work for Apipac. My interests lie in finding projects and initiatives that benefit the youngest members of our community. I have lots of knowledge around sustainability and love sharing this with others. I hope to use my skills and interests as a board member to provide our Ruahine Students with resources and opportunities to enhance their learning. I believe our biggest asset is our community- all the parents, family and friends of the students and school have so much knowledge to offer and believe we can always look for more ways to strengthen this connection.

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BRIAN KNIGHT

I'm 37 years old and have lived in/around Dannevirke all my life. I have an amazing and supportive wife and we have a 10 year old boy who means the world to us both. He has been at Ruahine School for 4 years now and is really enjoying his time at school. After leaving High School I gained my National Certificate in Motorcycle Engineering as I had a passion for fixing things. I did this for 7 years but was hungry for a new adventure in another field that I also had a passion for-Aviation. I worked as a ground crew/mechanic for 3 years which was certainly an adventure as I got to work around and fly helicopters all around NZ which I loved. During this time, I ended up in the fertilizer industry and then the honey industry. It was a great time, with heaps of challenges along the way and I managed to successfully complete some massive projects on the journey. I'm particularly proud and grateful for the experience over this time, helping establish and grow the two large companies. I then made the move to go self employed and focus on Engineering and Consulting. After that, for the last two and half years my wife and I have been running our own Honey packing Company (Apipac) which keeps us very busy. I would like to get the chance to be on the Ruahine School board of trustees and I hope to add value by being a fresh set of eyes and ears. The education of our children is such an important part of their lives and its essential that the board are there to provide support to the school to ensure that it does everything possible to help the students reach their potential during their time at school. The last few years have certainly taught me to think very critically and not to be shy to challenge decisions and views. I guess if you could sum me up in just a few words they would be- Honest, innovative, dedicated and passionate.

**RUAHINE SCHOOL PFK
PROUDLY PRESENTS:**

2022
QUIZ
Night

**THEME IS "GROWING UP 90S"
17 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**TEAMS OF 6 - \$125 PER TEAM/TABLE (\$2 TRANSACTION FEE)
VENUE: DANNEVIRKE SPORTS CLUB, 298 HIGH STREET**

COME FOR THE QUIZ, AND STAY FOR THE DANCE

EFTPOS BAR
CASH RAFFLES
R18 EVENT

SPOT PRIZES FOR:
BEST DRESSED
BEST TEAM NAME

LIMITED TEAM
ENTRIES

COURTESY
VAN
AVAILABLE

SUPPER PROVIDED

**BOOK WITH YOUR TEAM NAME BY CALLING
THE TARARUA I-SITE ON
0800 TARARUA (827 278)**

Pre-sales for school are now open!



This year The PFK Committee are running a “Quiz Night” **fundraising event** on Saturday, 17th September 2022. The theme will be ‘**Growing up 90’s**’ and it will be held at The Dannevirke Club Rooms, on High Street. This is our major fundraiser for the year and your support is greatly appreciated. Our 2021 “**Star's in Their Eyes**” event was very successful and we hope, with your help, 2022 will be another successful night.

Throughout the past few years, The PFK have **asked our school families to “Fill a Bucket” as their contribution** towards our raffle prizes. Although this has been a great option in the past for you to support our event, this year we would like to try something different.

Below are some donation options for you to choose from, should you wish to support us. We are hoping this will make it easier on you as The PFK will do all the work by using these donations and sourcing prize items ourselves.

Please tick any applicable donation options listed below:

\$5 Donation

Yes I would like to donate \$5 towards a raffle prize

\$10 Donation

Yes I would like to donate \$10 towards a raffle prize

Donation or Voucher

Yes I would like to donate a monetary sum of \$ _____ towards a raffle prize

OR, a voucher from _____ to the sum of _____ towards a raffle prize

Any cash donations received will be put towards our prizes for raffles.

Please either return your donations to Ali in the School Office, or pay online into our PFK Bank Account (using Quiz Donation as reference) Before Monday 5th September.

(Ruahine School PFK bank account no. 03 0614 0561726 000)

The PFK Committee would like to thank you in anticipation.

Kind regards,

Toni Chapman and Kirsten Prenter

PFK Chairpersons



PFK NEWS



Baking for PFK events



2022 Lamb & Calf Day

Wednesday 19 October

Before the long weekend!

Please return all cups & trophies to the school office.

Lambs must be born after
1st August 2022

Calves must be born after
20 July 2022



Dannevirke Ross Shield 2022

We are hosting the rugby tournament this year, which is a big thing for our community. Because of our lack of accommodation in the township we are requiring billets for two of the teams that are travelling from out of town. Thank you to those of you who have already offered to take billets, but we are still requiring quite a few families to help out with this. If you were thinking about helping, you would need to take a minimum of two children and be able to drop them off to the grounds each day and pick them up after the last game of the day. They also have other activities that they would be required to go to e.g movie night and the big breakfast.

The tournament runs from the 3rd to the 7th October 2022.

We would be very grateful if you were able to help us out with this. We would like to get some indication of numbers in the next few weeks so we can let the teams know that we are able to do this. Please contact Bevan Ellison or myself if you can.

Thanks again.

Fiona Prouting – prouting@inspire.net.nz

Bevan Ellison – bevanellison@gmail.com



STICKER COLLECTION SHEET



NEW WORLD

1 	2	3	4	5	6 You're on your way to some cool sports gear.	7	8	9	10
11	12 Ask friends and family to help you collect stickers.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Apples are high in Vitamin C and Vitamin A.	29	30
31	32	33	34 Apples keep better in the fridge.	35	36	37	38	39	40
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51 The largest apple ever picked weighed 1.5kg.	52	53	54	55	56 yummyfruit.co.nz for more Sticker Collection Sheets.	57	58	59	60
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71	72	73 Apple skin has the times more vitamins than the flesh.	74	75	76	77	78 Yummy apples can help you play more sport.	79	80
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91	92	93	94	95 paksave.co.nz to find your nearest store.	96	97	98	99	100 Wow! What a great apple muncher.

School Name

Lunch Orders Week 3

Due to a shortage mince pies will be unavailable next week. These will be replaced by Bacon & Egg pies \$3.00.

WINTER LUNCH ORDER LIST

1/2 Ham/Chicken Wrap	\$3.00
Filled Roll Chicken or Ham	\$4.00
Mince Pie	\$3.00
Mince & Cheese Pie	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Mini Savoury	\$1.20
Hot Dog	\$2.50
Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Bacon & Egg Muffin	\$4.00
Mini Pizza	\$1.50
Macaroni Cheese	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese Toasted Sandwich	\$3.00
Ham & Egg Toasted Sandwich	\$3.00
Cheese & Tomato Toasted Sandwich	\$3.00
Apple Pie	\$2.00
Lolly Cake	\$2.00
Tan Square	\$2.00
Triple Chocolate Brownie	\$2.00
2x Home Made Chocolate Chip Cookie	\$1.0
<u>Gluten Free Options</u>	
Salad Ham or Chicken GF	\$6.00
Fresh Fruit Salad GF	\$3.50
Chicken Burger GF	\$4.50
Mini Savoury GF	\$2.00
Bacon & Egg Muffin GF	\$4.50
Tan Square GF	\$2.50
Triple Chocolate Brownie GF	\$2.50