

Ruahine School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6 2022

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IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Friday 2 September
Assembly 2.30pm
- ◆ Wednesday 7 September
Board Of Trustee Voting
Closes At Noon
- ◆ Friday 16 September
Assembly **VIA ZOOM**
- ◆ Saturday 14 September
PFK Fundraiser Lunch
- ◆ 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,

It is so nice to see te rā (the sun) shining and children enjoying playing outside. We are **still experiencing disruptions to learning** with staff and children unwell but we are all working hard to do the best we can for our children and to look after each other. There are very few relieving teachers available so we are very grateful for the teachers who can come and teach classes for us. We have had a lot of days where there are no relieving teachers available so classes need to be split and teachers are modifying learning programmes and covering more children. Our teachers are always happy to help out in any way they can and I can't thank them enough for the support they show each other, and the children we teach.

Yesterday morning our children and teachers were treated to a visit from authors [Emma Wood](#) and [Juliet MacIver](#) from the [Storylines Trust](#). The children were totally absorbed in the presentations and loved the learning. It was such a treat to have visitors at school to inspire our young readers and writers.



Next Rāhina (Monday) our Kids' Lit Quiz team will be competing at the [Kids' Lit Quiz](#) competition in Feilding. Our team will be joined by their training buddies who have the opportunity to observe and act as reserves on the day. There are around 35 teams competing from the lower North Island. Teams have 10 rounds of 10 questions about children's books. They don't know what books the questions will be about so they have to read widely and often to train for the event. Here are some practice questions you might like to try at home!



1. Who is the big huggable giant in the Harry Potter series?
2. How many labours did Heracles have to perform?
3. Amelia Bedelia would often misunderstand tasks. What was her job?
4. Who guarded the entrance to the Gryffindor Common Room?
5. How did the kids learn about the Mysterious Benedict Society?
6. The scarab beetle was an important symbol in what ancient culture?
7. What is the name of Mickey Mouse's dog?
8. Which boy's mother (his name is in the title) won a complete set of Burrell's Build-It-at-Home encyclopedias? He pored over every edition
9. What fictional Marvel superhero magician wore a cloak?
10. Who caused three bears a great deal of grief?

Thank you for the many lovely messages I have received after announcing that **I will be leaving Ruahine School at the end of the year**. I have loved my, almost, 5 years here and I will miss our wonderful community. We have a special place to learn and work at Ruahine School. Our staff are not just a professional and talented team, they are also a tight, supportive and caring team. It will be hard to leave them.

As the Board elections are coming to a close next week **I want to thank our current Board** for the support they show to our staff and school. They are a capable and dedicated team who have supported us through some difficult times, celebrated our successes with us, thought strategically with us, and shouted us the most amazing morning teas! Ngā mihi kia koutou, thank you to our current board members. You are a fantastic team!

Ruahine School Car Park

Kia ora,

Over the past few months our Board of Trustees has been working through some changes to the use of our car park.

The car park our school uses has, for many years, belonged to John and Deb Barrow. They have allowed Ruahine School to use the land as a car park for quite some time. They have also allowed us to run our cross-country competition on their farm land for many years. The Board and staff are very grateful for the generous support from John and Deb over so many years.

John and Deb have recently sold their farm and moved to Australia. The new owners of the cross-country section of the farm are continuing to allow our school to run our event each year. This is great news and we are very thankful.

When selling the car park section of the farm, the Barrows were keen for the school to continue to use this piece of land. Work began some months ago to find a way forward.

We have a very positive outcome so far. Our new neighbours in the cottage are allowing us to lease the car park land for a set fee of \$3000 per year for an initial period of 10 years. The Ministry of Education has also agreed to allow the school to lease the land and to investigate purchasing the car park at a later stage.

Our new neighbours moved in last Friday, and are very supportive of our school using their land for our car park. What a wonderful community we are part of!

In order to cover the costs of leasing the car park, the Board are now considering advertising opportunities for local businesses on our school fence and more information about this will be available soon.



B Grade Netball
Winners of the 2022
Fair Play Award

- Lucas 'most supportive player'
- Mason 'most goals scored'

2022 Soccer Prizegiving



Mason & Caden 'most valuable player'



Riley 'most improved player'

Alfie 'most improved player'



Yummy Stickers **STICKER COLLECTION SHEET** **SINCE 1999**

PAK n SAVE **NEW WORLD**

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School Name

Yummy Stickers
Keep bringing in your Yummy stickers. The more we get the more FREE sports equipment for our kids! Drop them to the school office before the last week of term.

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.

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

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



Next Meeting

Term 4 Week 3

Date to be confirmed

Help Needed

We are looking for helpers to decorate the Sports Club for our Quiz Night on Friday 16 September & helpers for the clean up on Sunday 18 September. We would really appreciate this

Please contact Kirsten on
027 203 8027

Do you have old CD's or Video Cassette

Tapes lying around? If so, the PFK will gladly take them off your hands. These can be left at the school office.

The PFK have a number of catering events coming up in the next few months. It is always good to have a selection of slices on hand in the freezer. We would be very grateful of any donations of slices for this purpose. These can be left at the school office.

Thank you.

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

Look out for our updated entry form & run sheet next week.

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

Gluten Free Options

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