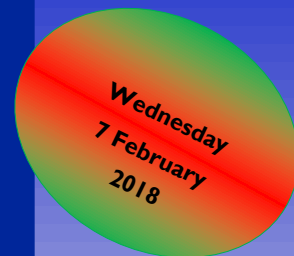




# Ruahine School

The Best I Can Do, The Best I Can Be

Tū māia au ki te mahi, tū rangatira au ki te ao!



## Important Dates

Monday 12 February

Community Picnic from 11.30am

Tuesday 13 February

BoT Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 14 February

PFK Meeting 7pm

Monday 19 February

Sharing Assembly Rooms 4 & 5  
2.10pm

Monday 26 February Year 7 & 8  
Camp Begins

Wednesday 28 February Year 5 & 6  
Camp Begins

Friday 2 March Year 5, 6, 7 & 8  
Return From Camp

Tuesday 20 March

Ruahine School Swimming Sports

Monday 26 March

Interschool Swimming Sports

## 2018 CLASSES

### KUPE TEAM

Room 1: Miss Kate Dare & Mrs Janine Castles Year 7 & 8

Room 2: Miss Nicole Bourke Year 6 & 7

Room 3: Mrs Iveta Senior Year 3 & 4

Room 4: Miss Sarah Norman Year 4 & 5

### POUNAMU TEAM

Room 5: Mrs Fran Cammock Year 2 & 3

Room 8: Mrs Geordie Hasswell & Mrs Lee Gibbs Year 1 & 2

This is a new collaborative teaching space in what was the library. Our newest learners have two teachers with them all day.

## From the principal's pen

Tena Koutou Ruahine Whanau,

Welcome back to school for 2018. I hope you have enjoyed some of the beautiful sunshine we had over the summer break!

Thank you for the warm welcome I received at our assembly and morning tea last week. I have enjoyed chatting with you after school and I am looking forward to getting to know you better over time. If you haven't met me yet, my name is Sarah McCord and I am thrilled to be your new principal. I have come from Kaitoke School, Whanganui, where I led a rural school of just over 100 learners for almost seven years. Kevin and I live in Bunnythorpe, between Palmerston North and Feilding, where we have four sheep and nine ducks. Our three children have grown and married and we are lucky to have six grandchildren! We host international secondary school students and we currently have two girls at home; one from Finland and one from Japan. When I get some spare time I love to garden, cook and read. I am 'attempting' to learn to play the piano and last year I gained my blue belt in Shugokai (freestyle martial art).

I trained to be a teacher at Otago University and started teaching in North Canterbury in 1995. My passion and experience is New Entrant teaching, although the most fun I have with learners is with Year 7 and 8's! Continuing to learn and grow is important to me, and last year I completed a three year journey to gain a Master of Education. I am currently president of the Manawatu Literacy Association (MLA), a member of the NZ Literacy Association Executive and Convenor of the 2018 NZ Literacy Association conference to be held in October.

But most of the time I am your principal! If you need to contact me do just pop in, call me or email me. I enjoy working closely with families.

I was out on lunch time duty last week and the children were delightful! I have been very impressed with how settled and focused our learners are at Ruahine, and how well they play together and look after each other. The new trampoline is a hit and both trampolines are busy every day! The settled weather is enabling teachers to take their classes outside for sport and games as well as having swimming time. Classes are set up and well underway with learning. There is a quiet hum of focused learning around the school:-)

It is my pleasure to welcome Mrs Fran Cammock to our staff. Fran has come from Dannevirke South School, she is an experienced teacher who is creative, organised and loves kids. A perfect combination for our school!

The classes are beginning their year focusing on our ROCKERS Values.

Kupe Team's big question is "How can I be the best I can be and do the best I can do?"

Pounamu Team's big question is "How can I be a Ruahine Rocker?"

Teachers have been busy organising camps and other events along with classroom programmes and routines.

Congratulations to Miss Nicole Bourke on her appointment for 2018 as a Community of Learning Within School Teacher. Nicole's role focuses on supporting learning within Ruahine School. Congratulations also go to Mrs Geordie Haswell and her husband Chris as they look forward to welcoming their new baby later in the year. Geordie will be on maternity leave from the end of Term 1.

Welcome to our new families at Ruahine School. Ruahine is a special place to be and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

The team at Ruahine have planned our 11 week term to fill your children's days with lots of focused learning and exciting events and activities. First up is next Monday (12 February) when we hold our annual community picnic with games and a bouncy castle. We would love you to bring along a picnic lunch and join us from 11.30am.

Nga mihi nui,  
Sarah McCord  
Principal



Hi everyone. Welcome back to 2018. We hope you all had great holidays. Our senior trampoline has turned out to be a very popular morning tea and lunchtime activity. There is some healthy competition to see who can do the best tricks. A huge thank you to Mrs Leanne England for donating the tramp at the end of 2017. We are really looking forward to the Community Picnic on Monday 12 February. It will be great to see all our families there. Don't forget to bring along a picnic to enjoy with your kids.

Have a great week.  
From the PR Team.



## JOKE OF THE WEEK



Q: What do you do if the principal rolls her eyes at you?  
A: Pick them up and roll them right back to her!

### Librarian Applications

Year 5-8 students wishing to apply to be a Librarian in 2018 are welcome to pick up an application form from the school office.

## NOTICES

- Dannevirke Junior Hockey AGM. Tuesday 13 February 2018 6pm at the Magatera Hotel. Contact: [dscjuniorhockey@gmail.com](mailto:dscjuniorhockey@gmail.com)
- 2018 Basketball & Miniball. Please advise the school office if you are keen for your child/ren to play this year. Miniball across court 5-7 year olds, Miniball full court 7-9year olds on Wednesday nights. Primary Basketball A & B grades played on Tuesday nights. Please contact Deborah Bradey on 374 5858 or Hinekura on 022 173 6315.
- Dannevirke St John Youth Division. Tuesdays from 5.30pm—7pm at the Anglican Church Hall, High Street Dannevirke. Please contact Delwyn Walker on 374 9220 or 027 230 0122. All newcomers very welcome. Our programmes focus on teaching young people fist aid, health care, leadership and life skills.
- Dannevirke Junior Squash Coaching. Starting 22 February—29 March. \$20 per child for 6 weeks. All welcome to come along and give squash a go. Contact Erana on 021 216 2421 or [ativategym@gmail.com](mailto:ativategym@gmail.com) to enrol.

**Ruahine is proud to be a KiVa school!**

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Let's join our children in reducing, preventing, and minimising the effects of bullying!



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